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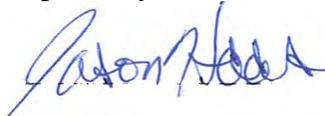
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND)
ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY)
INDIANA SOUTH (“CEI SOUTH”) FOR (1) AUTHORITY)
TO MODIFY ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC)
UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE-IN OF RATES, (2))
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES AND)
CHARGES, AND NEW AND REVISED RIDERS,)
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW TAX)
ADJUSTMENT RIDER AND A NEW GREEN POWER)
RIDER (3) APPROVAL OF A CRITICAL PEAK PRICING)
 (“CPP”) PILOT PROGRAM, (4) APPROVAL OF REVISED)
DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ELECTRIC)
AND COMMON PLANT IN SERVICE, (5) APPROVAL OF)
NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING RELIEF,)
INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO CAPITALIZE AS RATE)
BASE ALL CLOUD COMPUTING COSTS AND DEFER TO)
A REGULATORY ASSET AMOUNTS NOT ALREADY)
INCLUDED IN BASE RATES THAT ARE INCURRED FOR)
THIRD-PARTY CLOUD COMPUTING ARRANGEMENTS,)
AND (6) APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE)
REGULATORY PLAN GRANTING CEI SOUTH A WAIVER)
FROM 170 IAC 4-1-16(f) TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE)
DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT)

CAUSE NO. 45990

**INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR
PUBLIC’S EXHIBIT NO. 14
CONSUMER COMMENTS
MARCH 12, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,



T. Jason Haas
Deputy Consumer Counselor
Attorney No. 34983-29



State of Indiana

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February 21, 2024

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South
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To The Office of Utility Consumer Counselor,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the CenterPoint three-phase rate increase that has been forwarded to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor website. As a State Senator, I am deeply concerned about the potential financial burden that these increases would place on my constituents, many of whom struggle to make ends meet. Furthermore, CenterPoint already has the highest gas and electric rates in the state with the average income in Evansville being 45,000 dollars a year.

I strongly urge you to reconsider these rate increases and explore alternative solutions that will not place undue financial strain on constituents. Indiana deserves affordable and accessible utility services, and it is our responsibility to ensure that these basic needs are met without excessive financial burden.

I appreciate you taking the time to read and consider this request. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaneta H. Becker".

Vaneta Becker
Indiana State Senator
District 50

RESOLUTION NO. CO.R-02-24-003
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE VERIFIED PETITION OF
SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A CENTERPOINT
ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH ("CEI SOUTH") FOR RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC), CAUSE NUMBER 45990

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana recognizes the costs Vanderburgh County residents pay for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, CEI South has filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer by about Ten Dollars in late 2024, nearly Six Dollars in early 2025, and by more than Twelve Dollars in early 2026;

WHEREAS, one major factor affecting businesses and residents when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses on its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten the growth and expansion of Vanderburgh County by adding burdens and impediments to new residents looking to relocate to Vanderburgh County, hinders business expansion by adding uncompetitive rates on local business and might deter new businesses from locating in Vanderburgh County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana has heard from many constituents and businesses opposing the requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the state since 2008 and among the highest in the region and this increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Vanderburgh County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the average customer will see their monthly electric bills increase of \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026 while 22% of CEI South customers who are electric heating customers (Rate EH), who will see their average monthly bill increase by \$63.33 by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity disproportionately impacting low- and fixed-income households (seniors, people with disabilities, homes with children and other vulnerable populations), while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;

WHEREAS, CEI South and their predecessors spent over Five Hundred Million Dollars in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired

many of them before recovering these costs leading to this filing requesting the ratepayers of Vanderburgh County to cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring a profit;

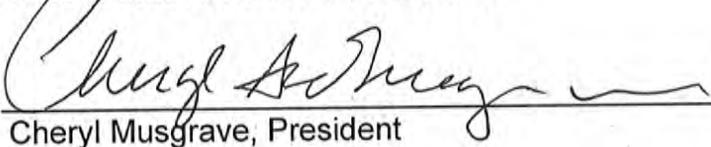
WHEREAS, CenterPoint has had the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, for its shareholders, for many years. In this case, CenterPoint Electric is proposing to keep its 10.40% return on equity. In contrast, Indiana's other four investor-owned electric utilities have an authorized return on equity below 10%; and

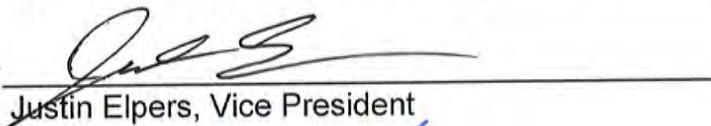
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana respectfully requests the Indiana General Assembly to waive sales tax on utility payments to provide some relief for its citizens and businesses. Just as food is exempt from sales tax, so should sales tax on utilities as they are also fundamental to sustain human life.

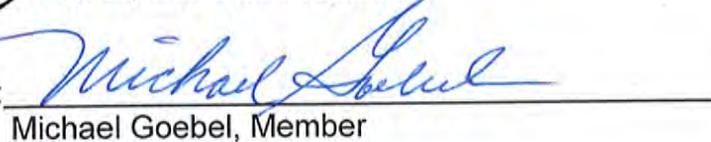
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana hereby opposes CEI South's request as proposed.

So adopted this 20th day of February, 2024.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA**

By: 
Cheryl Musgrave, President

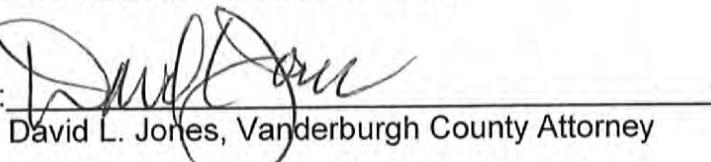
By: 
Justin Elpers, Vice President

By: 
Michael Goebel, Member

ATTEST:

By: 
Brian A. Gerth, Vanderburgh County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: 
David L. Jones, Vanderburgh County Attorney

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor,

Recognizing the concerns of its citizens regarding proposed increased utility rates for electricity and natural gas, the Vanderburgh County Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. CO.R-03-004 (see attached) at its meeting held on March 6, 2024. This resolution opposes Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Indiana South's (CEI South) petition for rate changes before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), Cause No. 45990.

CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the State and are among the highest in the region. If the petition is approved, our local economy, economic development, businesses, and residents will all be impacted. The proposed rate increase will negatively affect our residents, hitting low- and fixed-income residents particularly hard. The increase will further widen the disparity between utility rates in Vanderburgh County and other regions, putting Vanderburgh County at a disadvantage when competing for new businesses.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the Councilmembers through the email addresses provided below.

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CO.R-03-24-004**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH FOR
RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
(IURC), CAUSE NO. 45990**

WHEREAS, the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana recognizes the concerns of the citizens of Vanderburgh County regarding the increasing rates for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Indiana South (“CEI South”) has filed a Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer;

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council supports reducing the costs to its citizens and businesses. The citizens of Vanderburgh County can ill-afford the current rates, nor any planned increases. The high cost of the proposed rate increases negatively affect low- and fixed-income Vanderburgh County residents particularly hard;

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council has an interest in the impact that CEI South’s proposed increase in rates and charges and its utility operations may have upon Vanderburgh County, the local economy, on economic development, and upon the residents and businesses of Evansville and Vanderburgh County;

WHEREAS, many citizens and businesses are opposing the requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2024, the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana has filed a Petition to Intervene in CEI South’s rate case before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Cause Number 45990;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, passed Resolution No. CO.R-02-24-003, resolving to oppose CEI South’s rate increase request as proposed;

WHEREAS, CEI South’s rates and taxes already rank the highest in the State since 2008 and among the highest in the region. The proposed increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Vanderburgh County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the average CEI South customer may see their monthly electric bills increase by \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026. CEI South customers who are electric heating customers (Rate EH) may see their average monthly bill increase by \$63.33 by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South is also requesting a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge, which may disproportionately impact low- and fixed-income households, while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;

WHEREAS, CEI South and its predecessors spent millions of dollars in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired many of them and now are requesting the ratepayers of Vanderburgh County to cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring it a profit;

WHEREAS, CenterPoint has had the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, for its shareholders, for many years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana hereby opposes CEI South's request for rate and fee increases.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2024.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Jill Anne Hahn
Jill Anne Hahn, President

By: John Montrastelle
John Montrastelle, Vice President

By: James Raben
James Raben, Finance Chairman

By: Joe Kiefer
Joe Kiefer, Personnel Chairman

By: Tom Shetler, Jr.
Tom Shetler, Jr., Member

By: Nick Iaccarino
Nick Iaccarino, Member

By: Bob Deig
Bob Deig, Member

ATTEST:

Brian A. Gerth
Brian A. Gerth, Vanderburgh County Auditor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- ____

RESOLUTION OF THE GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING THE VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY DIB/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH ("CEI SOUTH") FOR RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC), CAUSE NUMBER 45990

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana recognizes the costs Gibson County residents pay for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, CEI South has filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer by about Ten Dollars in late 2024, nearly Six Dollars in early 2025, and by more than Twelve Dollars in early 2026;

WHEREAS, one major factor affecting businesses and residents when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses on its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten the growth and expansion of Gibson County by adding burdens and impediments to new residents looking to relocate to Gibson County, hinders business expansion by adding uncompetitive rates on local business and might deter new businesses from locating in Gibson County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana has heard from constituents and businesses opposing the requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the state since 2008 and among the highest in the region and this increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Gibson County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the average customer will see their monthly electric bills increase of \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026 while 22% of CEI South customers who are electric heating customers (Rate EH), who will see their average monthly bill increase by \$63.33 by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity disproportionately impacting low and fixed income households (seniors, people with disabilities, homes with children and other vulnerable populations), while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;

WHEREAS, CEI South and their predecessors spent over Five Hundred Million Dollars in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired of of them before recovering these costs leading to this filing requesting the ratepayers of Gibson County to cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring a profit;

WHEREAS, CenterPoint has had the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, for its shareholders, for many years. In this case, CenterPoint Electric is proposing to keep its 10.40% return on equity. In contrast, Indiana's other four investor-owned electric utilities have an authorized return on equity below 10%; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana respectfully requests the Indiana General Assembly to waive sales tax on utility payments to provide some relief for its citizens and businesses. Just as food is exempt from sales tax, so should sales tax on utilities as they are also fundamental to sustain human life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana hereby opposes CEI South's request as proposed.

So adopted this 5th day of March, 2024.

GIBSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Warren Fleetwood

Warren Fleetwood, President

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE SPENCER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OPPOSING CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S REQUEST
FOR ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, recognizes the costs Spencer County residents pay for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Indiana South ("CEI South") has filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer by about ten dollars (\$10.00) in late 2024, nearly six dollars (\$6.00) in early 2025, and by more than twelve dollars (\$12.00) in early 2026;

WHEREAS, a major factor affecting businesses and residents when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses on its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten the growth and expansion of Spencer County by adding burdens and impediments to new residents looking to relocate to Spencer County, hinders business expansion by adding uncompetitive rates on local business and might deter new businesses from locating in Spencer County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, has heard from many constituents and businesses opposing the requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the state since 2008 and among the highest in the region and this increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Spencer County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the average customer will see their monthly electric bills increase of \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026 while 22% of CEI South customers who are electric heating customers (Rate EH), who will see their average monthly bill increase by \$63.33 by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity disproportionately impacting low-and fixed-income households (seniors, people with disabilities, homes with children and other vulnerable populations), while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;

WHEREAS, CEI South and their predecessors spent over Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000) in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired many of them before recovering these costs leading to this filing requesting the ratepayers of Spencer County to cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring a profit;

WHEREAS, CEI South has had the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, for its shareholders, for many years;

WHEREAS, in this case, CEI South is proposing to keep its 10.40% return on equity. In contrast, Indiana's other four investor-owned electric utilities have an authorized return on equity below 10%; and

WHEREAS, in the regulatory landscape of utilities, the approach to rewarding utility companies can significantly impact both the companies' behavior and the services provided to consumers;

WHEREAS, Indiana traditionally employs a rate-of-return regulation model, which ties utility companies' revenue to their investment in capital assets, which ensures that utilities can recover their costs plus a reasonable return on their investments, making it attractive for utilities to invest in long-term assets;

WHEREAS, this existing model incentivizes utilities to invest in infrastructure, as their profits are directly linked to the capital they deploy, leading to overinvestment in physical assets and inefficiency, as CEI South can earn more by spending more;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, respectfully requests that Indiana General Assembly and the IURC move toward performance-based regulation (PBR), which determines revenue based on key areas such as service reliability, customer satisfaction, and efficiency measures;

WHEREAS, PBR aims to align utilities' financial incentives with desired outcomes, fostering efficiency, innovation, and customer satisfaction by rewarding utilities for meeting specific performance criteria rather than for the sheer scale of their investments; and

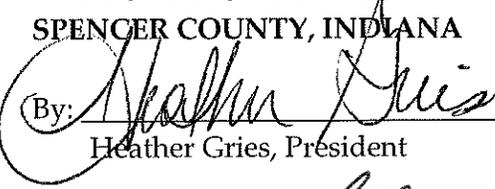
WHEREAS, transitioning from a rate-of-return to a performance-based model involves challenges, including establishing appropriate performance metrics, but the shift can lead to a more dynamic utility sector that better serves the interests of consumers and promotes sustainable practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, hereby opposes CEI South's request as proposed; and

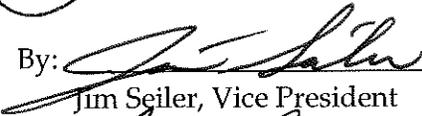
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, encourages the Indiana General Assembly and the IURC to a performance-based regulation model that rewards key metrics such as service reliability, customer satisfaction, and efficiency measures in lieu of investment in capital assets.

So adopted this 5th day of March 2024.

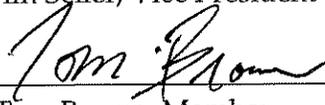
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA**

By:  _____

Heather Gries, President

By:  _____

Jim Seiler, Vice President

By:  _____

Tom Brown, Member

ATTEST:

I, the undersigned Auditor of Spencer County, Indiana, do hereby certify that above and foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of Resolution No. 2024-01 passed by the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, on the 5th day of March, 2024, by a vote of 3 AYES and 0 NAYS and now remains on file and on record in my office.



Melissa Bunner, Auditor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 03

RESOLUTION OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING THE VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH ("CEI SOUTH") FOR RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC), CAUSE NUMBER 45990

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana recognizes the costs Warrick County residents pay for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, CEI South has filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer by about Ten Dollars in late 2024, nearly Six Dollars in early 2025, and by more than Twelve Dollars in early 2026;

WHEREAS, one major factor affecting businesses and residents when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses on its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten the growth and expansion of Warrick County by adding burdens and impediments to new residents looking to relocate to Warrick County, hinders business expansion by adding uncompetitive rates on local business and might deter new businesses from locating in Warrick County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana has heard from constituents and businesses opposing the requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the state since 2008 and among the highest in the region and this increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Warrick County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the average customer will see their monthly electric bills increase of \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026 while 22% of CEI South customers who are electric heating customers (Rate EH), who will see their average monthly bill increase by \$63.33 by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity disproportionately impacting low and fixed-income households (seniors, people with disabilities, homes with children and other vulnerable populations), while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;

WHEREAS, CEI South and their predecessors spent over Five Hundred Million Dollars in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired

many of them before recovering these costs leading to this filing requesting the ratepayers of Warrick County to cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring a profit;

WHEREAS, CenterPoint has had the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, for its shareholders, for many years. In this case, CenterPoint Electric is proposing to keep its 10.40% return on equity. In contrast, Indiana's other four investor-owned electric utilities have an authorized return on equity below 10%; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana respectfully requests the Indiana General Assembly to waive sales tax on utility payments to provide some relief for its citizens and businesses. Just as food is exempt from sales tax, so should sales tax on utilities as they are also fundamental to sustain human life.

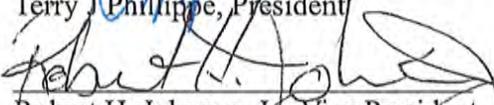
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana hereby opposes CEI South's request as proposed.

So adopted this 26th day of February, 2024.

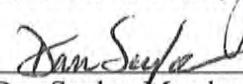
WARRICK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Terry J. Phillippe, President



Robert H. Johnson, Jr., Vice President



Dan Saylor, Member

ATTEST:



Michael Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



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From:
The Posey County Board of Commissioners

RE: Resolution of The Posey County Commissioners
Opposing The Center Pointe Energy Proposed Rate Hike

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

03-05-04

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE VERIFIED PETITION OF
SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH ("CEI SOUTH")
FOR RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC), CAUSE NUMBER 45990**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Posey County, Indiana recognizes the costs Posey County residents pay for electricity and natural gas;

WHEREAS, CEI South has filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that would raise monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer by about Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in late 2024, nearly Six Dollars (\$6.00) in early 2025, and by more than Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) in early 2026;

WHEREAS, a major factor affecting businesses and residents when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Posey County, Indiana seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses concerning its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten the growth and expansion of Posey County by adding burdens and impediments to new residents looking to relocate to Posey County, hinder business expansion by adding uncompetitive rates on local business and might deter new businesses from locating in Posey County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Posey County, Indiana has heard from many residents and businesses opposing CEI South's requested rate increases;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and taxes already rank the highest in the State of Indiana since 2008 and among the highest in the region and this increase will only further the disparity between utility rates in Posey County and other nearby regions that might be competing for the same residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the average CEI South customer will see their monthly electric bills increase by \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a 114% increase of the monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity which, in turn, disproportionately impacts low- and fixed-income households (seniors, people with disabilities, homes with children and other vulnerable populations), while penalizing households that conserve energy and make their homes more efficient;



WHEREAS, CEI South and their predecessors have spent over Five Hundred Million Dollars in pollution control equipment for aging coal fired power plants, but then retired many of such plants before recovering these costs leading to this filing requesting that the ratepayers of Posey County cover CEI South's business decisions while still ensuring a profit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Posey County, Indiana hereby opposes CEI South's proposed rate hike request.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2024.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA**

By: Bill Collins
Bill Collins, President

By: Bryan Schorr
Bryan Schorr, Vice-President

By: Greg Newman
Greg Newman, Member

ATTEST: Maegen L. Greenwell

Maegen L. Greenwell, Posey County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: Joseph H. Harrison, Jr.
Joseph H. Harrison, Jr.
Posey County Attorney

This instrument was prepared by Joseph H. Harrison, Jr. of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP, One Main Street, Suite 600, Evansville, Indiana 47708.

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law.

Joseph H. Harrison, Jr.
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Atty No. 11403-82

Posey County Council
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March 5, 2024

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204
uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov

Re: Opposition to Rate Increase Request in Cause No. 45990

To the OUCC staff:

The Posey County Council, on behalf of Posey County, Indiana's residents, voices deep concern over escalating utility costs for electricity and natural gas. Our urgent letter today challenges the petition by the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, known as CenterPoint Energy Indiana South (CEI South), which seeks the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)'s approval to significantly raise monthly electric rates for typical residential customers in the coming years, with hikes planned for late 2024 (\$10.00), early 2025 (nearly \$6.00), and early 2026 (over \$12.00).

Utility expenses play a critical role in both businesses' and residents' decisions about where to locate or expand. Our council strives to foster Posey County's growth by creating a competitive business and regulatory landscape that reduces costs for its citizens and businesses. High utility charges threaten this growth, deterring potential new residents, limiting business expansion, and discouraging new businesses from establishing in our area.

There is significant opposition from our constituents and the business community to the proposed rate increases. Since 2008, CEI South's rates have been the highest in the state and among the highest in the Midwest, creating a competitive disadvantage for Posey County in attracting businesses and residents.

By 2026, CEI South's rate increases will result in a 30.7% hike in average monthly electric bills, translating to an increase of \$47.24. Moreover, 22% of CEI South's customers, particularly those using electric heating, will experience an average monthly increase of \$63.33.

CEI South seeks to pass the costs of over \$500 million invested in pollution control for prematurely retired coal plants onto the ratepayers, while still ensuring its profitability. Additionally, the company proposes a 114% increase in the monthly fixed charge to \$23.20, disproportionately impacting low and fixed-income households, and penalizing those who seek to conserve energy or invest in efficiency.

Despite these increases, CEI South aims to maintain a 10.40% return on equity for its shareholders, exceeding the returns of other Indiana investor-owned electric utilities, which fall below 10%. This rate-

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of-return regulation model, which ties utility revenues to capital investments, incentivizes unnecessary infrastructure overinvestment and inefficiency.

We, the Posey County Council, strongly oppose the proposed rate increases and urge the Indiana General Assembly and the IURC to consider transitioning to performance-based regulation (PBR). PBR sets utility revenues based on achieving specific outcomes such as service reliability, customer satisfaction, and efficiency, rather than the extent of their capital investments. This model promotes efficiency, innovation, and higher levels of customer satisfaction by rewarding utilities for meeting performance criteria.

Transitioning to a PBR model will present challenges, including the development of appropriate performance metrics. However, it promises a more dynamic utility sector that better aligns with consumer interests and supports sustainable practices. It is in the best interest of Posey County and its residents that we seek alternatives to the proposed rate increases, advocating for a regulatory model that emphasizes performance over investment.

Sincerely,

Heather Allyn

Aaron Wilson

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Jerry Chastain III

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05
CITY OF MT. VERNON, IND. COMMON COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH (“CEI SOUTH”) FOR RATE CHANGES BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC), CAUSE NUMBER 45990

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, IN Common Council, and the Mayor, as presiding officer, recognize that CEI South is the provider of gas and electric services for residents of the City of Mount Vernon, IN (City) and that City residents pay for said electric and gas services;

WHEREAS, CEI South has filed a petition with the IURC and said petition asserts that monthly electric rates for a typical residential customer would increase by approximately Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in late 2024, approximately Six Dollars (\$6.00) in early 2025, and by more than Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) in early 2026 for a total impact of at least Twenty-eight Dollars (\$28.00), following, and in addition to, an earlier increase in rates that took effect in the Fall of 2024;

WHEREAS, one major factor affecting businesses and resident when deciding on location or expansion is utility costs;

WHEREAS, a recent regional survey shows that businesses consider current high energy costs in Southwest Indiana as a negative consideration in making decisions involving current operations and decisions for potential expansion;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to foster growth and development by providing the most competitive business and regulatory climate in order to reduce costs and expenses on its citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, while residents and businesses have made private investments to be good stewards of energy consumption by installing energy conservation measures, including solar, CEI South, has decreased the per kilowatt credit for those measures, while increasing the per kilowatt charge;

WHEREAS, CEI South also requests a One Hundred Fourteen percent (114%) in the monthly fixed charge which impacts a customer's utility bill without regard to usage, resulting in a hardship to all users, especially low- and fixed- income households, and again penalizes those households and businesses that have made investments to conserve and produce their own energy in environmentally responsible ways, such as solar;

WHEREAS, CEI South's rates and charges already rank the highest in the State of Indiana since 2008 and among the highest in the multi-state region;

WHEREAS, excessive and burdensome utility costs could threaten growth and expansion in Mount Vernon, IN, and the State of Indiana; this is in contradiction to a priority identified by the General Assembly and Governor to focus on increased population within the State, as a top priority, as further identified in READI 2.0;

WHEREAS, CEI reports one of the highest authorized return on equity, or profit margin, while increasing the burden on its customers, to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, as follows:

City of Mt. Vernon, IN Common Council, and Mayor, as presiding officer, hereby **OPPOSE** CEI South's petition as proposed.

RESOLVED AND PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, this 6th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer

Presented to the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, IN, at 6:50 o'clock P.M. on the 6th day of March, 2024, for his consideration and action thereon.

Cristi L. Sitzman, Clerk-Treasurer

Having examined the foregoing Resolution, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, IN, approve said Resolution and return the same to the Clerk-Treasurer this 6th day of March, 2024.

Stephen B. Loehr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman, Clerk-Treasurer

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RE: Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission Cause No. 45990

On behalf of older Hoosiers across Southwestern Indiana, many of whom are Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Indiana South ("CEIS" or the "Company") customers, AARP Indiana is pleased to make the following comments on the Company's rate request.

AARP Indiana is representing residential customers, particularly the 50-plus population. Many of these customers are on low or inflexible incomes which makes rising energy bills a challenge when combined with higher grocery, housing and medical costs. CenterPoint's rates are already the highest in the state, so an increase, especially the ones being proposed in this case, makes a tough situation worse.

The Company's petition includes massive amounts of capital investment including approximately \$1 billion of rate base growth in the 12-month test year ending 12/31/2025. We urge the IURC to closely examine the justification for this inordinate amount of spending.

In regards to the specifics of the CenterPoint's request:

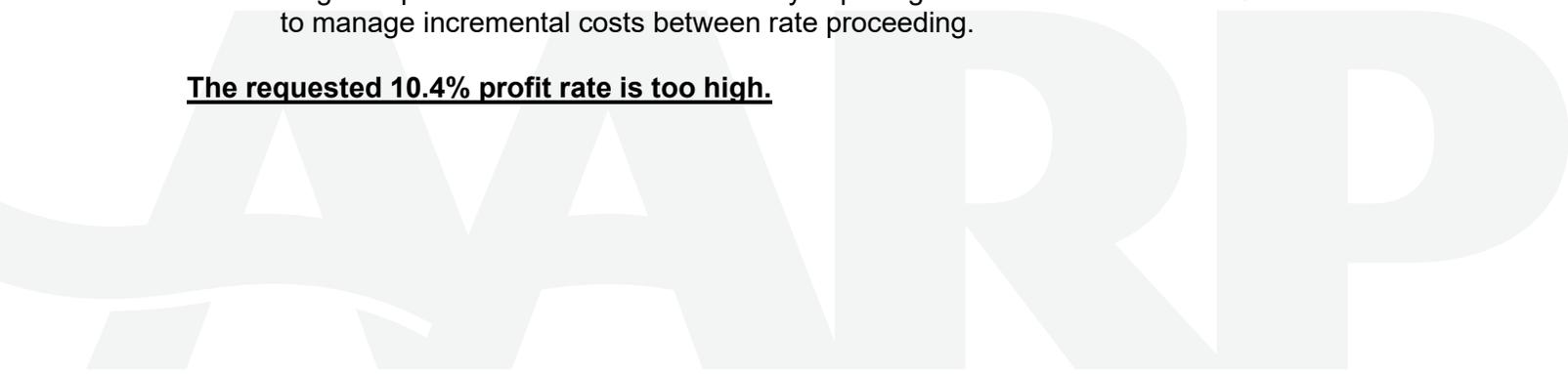
The IURC should keep the customer charge at \$10.84 a month.

- The Company's proposed increase in the residential fixed customer charges from \$10.84 to \$23.20. This is a 114% increase and is too high.
- The IURC should keep the customer charge where it is currently as these high fixed charges make controlling your energy bill more difficult, discourages conservation, and punishes older customers, who tend to use less electricity.

The proposal for a three-step rate phase-in should be rejected.

- The proposed three step phase-in of the requested rate increase should be rejected. It is complex and does not meaningfully mitigate any of the proposed increase to customers.
- Customers would have additional clarity for budgeting for increased utility bills from a single step increase while simultaneously imposing additional constraint on CenterPoint to manage incremental costs between rate proceeding.

The requested 10.4% profit rate is too high.



- The Company's requested return on equity, the 10.4% it is seeking is excessive when compared to current financial market conditions and what other utilities are receiving. Indeed, the Illinois Commerce Commission just cut Ameren's rate to 8.72%.
- Furthermore, the Commission has authorized multiple financial risk-mitigating ratemaking policies which allows CenterPoint to recover investments, with IURC oversight, between rate proceedings. The allowed return should reflect this reduced risk accordingly.

The Company's proposals for new riders should be rejected.

- The proposed Tax Adjustment Rider and Green Power Riders, we believe the IURC should reject them.
- AARP opposes riders and surcharges which fast track rate increases without proper oversight especially for such things as taxes and green power. These costs can be recovered in base rates.

The remote disconnection request should be rejected.

- The Company's request to implement remote disconnection of customers for non-payment presents concerns for older customers as well as those with medical needs.
- The IURC should require additional oversight of remote disconnections for lower income and older customers (as well as medical needs customers) to ensure all assistance opportunities have been afforded to a customer facing financial difficulty and communicated to such customers via a medium the customer could reasonably understand.
- AARP has not only argued for increased customer protections for such customers here in Indiana, but also in other states. The IURC should carve out this request and have a generic review for all utilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.



Jason Tomcsi
AARP Indiana

From: [Christopher Norrick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Norrick - Reject CenterPoint Cause 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:20:31 AM

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CenterPoint Indiana South - Electric Rate Case, Cause 45990 Solar United Neighbors of Indiana

I'm Christopher Norrick, Indiana Program Associate for Solar United Neighbors.

I'm also a CenterPoint Indiana customer myself who has lived in Evansville for most of my life.

I'm writing to speak up on behalf of myself and the more than 267 SUN members served by CenterPoint Indiana South.

I'll start with the bottom line: Folks living in Evansville and the other surrounding counties in Southwestern Indiana in CenterPoint's footprint, especially our most vulnerable neighbors, simply can't afford their electric bills going up by more than 30% each month. That's on top of consistently having the highest electric bills in the state for the last 15 years. When you add in we also have to contend with the air and water pollution associated with our high concentration of fossil fuel power plants, this added burden is too much to bear.

We know that Evansville has one of the highest average energy burdens in Indiana. The Department of Energy's Low-income Energy Affordability Data Tool categorizes the vast majority of the census tracts around us in this building into the highest energy burden category they have, that's 6% or more of their income going to energy costs.

This rate increase won't help those customers. They will force more hard questions about budgeting onto households who are already struggling to make ends meet.

The OUCC's data shows that in December 2023, CenterPoint had 5,500 accounts in arrears that owed over \$2 million to the utility. That does not include the enormous bills we all received in January 2024.

And now CenterPoint wants not only to raise both volumetric rates and fixed charges on these customers. They also want to remotely disconnect them without adding any protections for our most vulnerable neighbors.

That certainly won't help customers already struggling to keep up with their monthly

CenterPoint bills.

Instead of raising our electric bills, CenterPoint should be empowering customers to help make the electric grid cleaner, more resilient, and more affordable.

Instead of punishing those using heat pumps on the Electric Heat rate by asking for a punitive 36% increase in their bills, CenterPoint should be embracing and incentivizing high-efficiency heat pump technology that can take advantage of an ever-greener grid that saves us all money through lower demand.

With their proposal to more than double the fixed cost portion of our bills each month—resulting in one of the highest fixed charges in the nation—CenterPoint makes it harder for customers to invest in energy efficiency, rooftop solar, and other key components of our energy future. CenterPoint should be fairly compensating area households who want to help keep our local grid strong with solar, batteries, and efficiency upgrades, and proposing new ways to equitably expand access to these tools so all households can benefit. It was disappointing when instead, they were the first Indiana utility to end net-metering and invent new anti-consumer instantaneous no-netting policies to unfairly credit solar owners for the energy and resilience they contribute to the grid.

Additionally, maintaining the highest ROE of 10.4% among Indiana utilities, shifting the bulk of the cost allocations on to the residential customers, and restricting access to the benefits of the new Green Energy Rider to only large industrial customers, exacerbates the affordability crisis Southwestern Indiana Hoosiers are experiencing. Thus violating the Affordability Pillar of Indiana's Energy Plan outlined by HEA 1007 for residential customers.

With respect, I urge the IURC to reject this rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Christopher Norrick
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From: [Christopher Norrick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Norrick - Reject CenterPoint Rate Hike in Cause 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:35:09 PM

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My name is Christopher Norrick. I'm representing myself as a CenterPoint ratepayer.

I admit I was naive. I had some hope that CenterPoint would take a deep look at what's happening in this community before submitting this rate request. They would see what 15-plus years of having the highest residential electric bills among the Investor Owned Utilities in Indiana had wrought. They would notice the upheaval of lives that 6,400 utility shut-offs, and sending out over 200,000 disconnect notices - *in only the last year* - have caused. They would understand after hearing the pleas of assistance agencies helping the most vulnerable being rapidly drained of funds from utility bill assistance. My misplaced hope was that all of these things would be taken into consideration and they would request a reduction of current residential rates plus a shift in the allocation to those that can afford it. I'm speaking of those large industrial customers with record-breaking profits.

Not one ounce of corporate self-reflection was in this request. There was also total and utter disgust for one of the Five Pillars, affordability.

It feels like they doubled down and asked for the most grotesque increase imaginable. Thirty. Plus. Percent. And not 30% in some small tracker. A 31-36% increase in the entire residential electric bill. I can't believe they asked that of Southwestern Indiana with a straight face.

Because this community has witnessed the harm done by CenterPoint and its predecessors for decades. We are the frontline in the energy justice revolution. My father worked in the coal mines. I watched the odd-colored haze coming out of the AB Brown stacks drift over me on my drive to USI for over 30 years. I've read the "exceeds federal advisory levels" reports from $\frac{3}{4}$ of the monitoring wells around the toxic coal ash pits. I drove out to AB Brown on October 13 last year to bear witness to the last day of beige smoke as the coal plant was shut down for good. A strong wind picked up as I stood there and a toxic dust cloud from the coal ash ponds engulfed me on its way East to Evansville because they never bothered cleaning it up. That's not being a very good neighbor. And what did I see around the corner? A huge new pipeline is being built so instead of coal they can continue burning something else and continue harming this community for decades more.

In this request, we continue to pay for that shuttered 45-year-old pile of contaminated rust at AB Brown, just at a slightly better interest rate. In what type of world is that justice?

There are no new low-income protection programs included in this petition. In fact the opposite. Not only from the 30+ percent in increased bills, but also in more than doubling the monthly fixed fee hurts those trying to conserve energy because they HAVE to for simple survival.

There are no programs in here to identify those on life-saving medical equipment to make sure they are reconnected first after an outage.

This residential increase request and these protection omissions tell me they have no regard for the vulnerable in this community, nor ever will.

I respectfully urge the commission to deny this rate increase and instead lower their return on equity to the lowest amount allowed and shift the majority of the allocations off of residential customers so we might enjoy rate RELIEF for once.

We've paid enough.

Christopher Norrick
Evansville resident
DAACE activist

CenterPoint Electric Rate Case Cause # 45990

Dear OUCC,

Thank you for holding the hearing in Evansville. I had intended to speak at the 2pm session, however after waiting for 3.5 hours, I had to leave for my son's music assembly. I would like to suggest the OUCC impart speaking time limits. I kept my remarks at 5 minutes so that others had a chance to speak as well. Now that this has become written testimony, I will add a few points to it that I had originally cut for sake of time.

I am tired of CenterPoint asking for more money from their ratepayers while their profits increase steadily. I am tired of CenterPoint taking advantage of Indiana state law to increase our bills while our poverty level is above the state average. I am tired of this state utility structure that grants CenterPoint the right to recoup what is considered the cost of doing business from their ratepayers while their voluntary shareholders do not share in this duty.

I volunteer at Warrick Resource Center that operates out of Hemenway Presbyterian Church in Boonville. We are in the seat of Warrick County, but you do not have to be a Warrick County resident to use our services. Residents are allowed to use our food pantry once per month. We also offer laundry and shower facilities and household goods such as adult and infant diapers, feminine hygiene products and pet food. Our number of individuals assisted has risen 16% from 2022 to 2023. That's an average. We see increases of anywhere from 30-50% increase in usage during months when we all are facing larger than normal utility bills due to increased heating or air conditioning. Financial assistance requests which include assistance with rent, water, shelter in a motel, and electric and/or gas have quadrupled since 2022 with half of the requests and half of the funds being spent on CenterPoint bills. What Warrick Resource Center is willing and able to pay is only the amount that will avoid utility disconnect. Most often the Center Point balance is around \$1200 when we are asked for assistance. We pay, on average, \$260 to avoid disconnection. Residents who use our financial assistance are only allowed to do so once every 6 months.

Food pantry donations are down, and our shelves are commonly bare. Where we once had a well-stocked pantry, we hand out food as soon as it comes in. Any financial assistance granted is taking food off the pantry shelves. The Warrick Resource Center has made good use of its funds and resources to accommodate the steady increase in use of our services. With costs of everyday survival needs like food, utilities, and rent, The Resource Center has been in search of monthly dedicated sponsors to assist in funding as we see the needs will only grow.

When our community struggles, we all struggle. Center Point is taking from our community where we have nothing left to give. The city of Evansville is struggling with poverty, affordable housing, and gun violence. Therefore, I ask that you, the Commission, take the following actions to reduce the burden we have faced and continue to face in Southern Indiana.

I am concerned about losing value in my home. It is very easy for people to look for housing outside of CenterPoint's territory and still work in Evansville. Many of my coworkers do just this as they can't afford to live in the city in which they work. Most commute from Kentucky where the utilities are municipality owned. We moved here from Michigan during the housing recession and lost money in our Michigan home. We invested in something that we felt had good resale value however it may not with our increasing costs to heat and air condition our homes.

Please reduce CenterPoint's requested profit margin in this case. It's the highest profit margin of any Indiana owned Utility and of any of CenterPoint's subsidiaries. Return on Equity rewards investors. We as ratepayers have borne the brunt of CenterPoint's massive capital spending while the profit margin is scooted away to the CEO and its investors. Why would CenterPoint ask for above and beyond when inflation is hitting us all and businesses and households are having to tighten their budgets to stay relevant? I believe you can run a company being customer focused yet also focused on rewarding your shareholders. I would like to see CenterPoint become customer focused.

Please deny the residential fixed rate increase to \$23.20. Fixed charges give ratepayers little control over their bills. Our bills should be based on usage, not simply because you are a customer regardless of whether you use electricity or not.

Please reject CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation proposal. Residents subsidizing industrial electric customers takes money away from our families and our communities while these large corporations, that yes provide jobs to our area, super pollute and make plenty of profit. I have heard the argument that this attracts business to our area, but I do not want to attract large consumers of energy that pollute. We already have more than our fair share of polluters as it is.

Lastly, I ask that you deny all unnecessary costs that CenterPoint passes on to the ratepayers. I take offense that I am paying for their lobbyists, their litigation, and their advertising. What are they advertising for? We don't have a choice in our gas and electricity service. While our residents are getting disconnected and struggling to pay their bills, CenterPoint is asking to pass the cost of the legal team to fight this rate case onto ratepayers. I say that is THEIR cost of doing business and their responsibility. Not the ratepayers.

The personal testimony heard at the rate case was heartbreaking as these are my fellow citizens that I live and work amongst. We have been hurt and felt ignored by the Capitol for too long and this further increase may be the final nail in the coffin. Someone predicted Evansville to be a ghost town by 2030 and I don't think that prediction is too farfetched. More fair and more reasonable utility rates are too close across the river and across county lines. Evansville may be a hub for industry but not for living. I respectfully ask that you prioritize affordability and grant the residents of Southwestern Indiana fair and reasonable electric rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Fasih

7000 Winddrift Ct.

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From: [Elizabeth Bowers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Elizabeth Bowers - Request for Action - Centerpoint Cause Number 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:56:18 PM

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My name is Elizabeth Bowers, I am a resident at 207 Blackford Ave #A Evansville IN 47713. I am writing on behalf of myself and my fellow Evansville, Indiana residents and community members. CenterPoint has filed a petition to raise their rate costs in three separate phases under Cause Number 45990. Myself, and many other Evansville residents, are disappointed, outraged, and hurt by this cause.

This petition will raise CenterPoint's annual revenue by nearly \$120 million dollars, or 16%, at the expense of our hardworking community. According to Data USA, Evansville's poverty rate is 19.9% and only has a median annual income of \$45,000, only 61% of the national median income. It is clear that Evansville's citizens are not in a position to provide CenterPoint with the financial increases they demand without serious and detrimental consequences.

Myself and others have shared public outcry and faced hardship already after a rate increase that is not even a part of their petition. CenterPoint is already charging Evansville residents at a rate that results in average monthly bills 5% higher than the national average when our median income is only 61% that of the national median income.

As a proud member of this community, I find it extremely disheartening to not be heard, considered, or taken seriously when it comes to the matter of my finances and livelihood. I am a young and educated professional hoping to stay and improve our Evansville community, but it is hard to justify when I live in a two-bedroom apartment paying more in rent and electricity than my parents in Indianapolis pay for all of their bills in a 6-bedroom house.

I hope that my provided testimonial bears even a fraction of the disappointment and anxiety that myself and the Evansville community (and Southern Indiana at large) feel about this petition. Please consider standing with the folks you are meant to serve rather than feeding the inequity we are experiencing nationwide. Our slogan is "E is for everyone", please help us ensure it stays that way.

Best Wishes,

Elizabeth Bowers
207 Blackford Ave #A
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Monica Kittinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Kittinger - Cause No.45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:00:08 PM

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RE: Cause #45990

I would like to enter my request that the IURC deny CenterPoint Energy's proposal to increase rates.

In reference to CenterPoint's requests:

- a) CenterPoint's rates are far from unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, confiscatory and inadequate to provide the opportunity to earn a fair return as proven by the investor returns, excessive salaries and amount of excess rate payer funds available to be used for political lobbying and corporate donations.
- b) Rates should not be increased nor fixed. Fixed rates would be unjust to the rate payer as they do not flex to reflect any decrease in costs to operate
- c) Repetitive request for unnecessary rate increases
- g) Green energy is something that CenterPoint chose to add to their portfolio. Their poor decisions for less cost effective energy sources should not be considered in any way a direct cost to ratepayers. Especially rate payers who by a majority were against the decision to add solar to our area. They are overpaying the landowners via over inflated lease agreements and this is not a cost that ratepayers should have to shoulder
- h) The Critical Peak Pricing Pilot Program should not even be under consideration. The cost to initiate such a plan is shown at 1.7 million dollars that will most likely be reflected as a cost to the ratepayers along with the increased cost to ratepayers for periods of time that CenterPoint has not sufficiently planned for increased usage.
- j) Remote disconnects would be a cost saving measure for CenterPoint and such savings should be reflected back to the ratepayer. Remote disconnects are not the problem as much as the timing of these disconnects need to be humanely administered. We are all human after all.

Please make it a priority to regulate this monopoly that we are subjected to without choice. This cause needs to be denied and we also need to move to repair some of their other billing practices that are excessive.

Thank you,
Monica Kittinger
A CenterPoint Customer
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From: [Marshall Scott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marsha Scott - Increase From Center Point on Electric
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:31:44 PM

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To Whom it may concern

I am a senior who lives in a 148 unit appts, for low income seniors. Many are disabled, like myself have low incomes with no big bank accounts and my case is low SS as I get \$855 month. My rent is \$494 month. Plus I pay life ins., car ins. phone bill. electric bill. I struggle month by month to make ends meet have even been work part time 12 hrs week at local grocery to help pay for my needs. I am disabled and still try to take care of myself. But our office just posted a letter stating that Center Point wants to raise our electric bill?? I can't work 25 or 30 hrs week like I used to due to a car wreck that's left me with severe nerve damage. My feet are numb, I get shots in my back every 5 weeks upper back and epidural 90 days. This is the low cost housing that I can afford but last month my electric bill was \$286.00!! Almost half of my rent. I cried and was unable to sleep for nights till I shared with family about this they were each able to help with few dollars to get it paid. But they to had high bills. There are 148 units here more than half of seniors here are on oxygen and have heart issues many other illness that requires electric for treatment. If Center Point raises this bill we will be forced to do without meds, food and other necessities. I am 73 I can't work any more than I do to pay higher electric bill. I beg who ever is in charge of this proposal to raise these rates reconsider. My mom is 90 she can't work her bill was up. She needed help to get her bill at a decent rate. She can't do email so this is for her as well as the other 148 tenants that live here at Horizon Homes. Evansville, Ind. 47714. Help us please..

I beg Center Point to reconsider. Do not do this to us seniors who have worked so hard all our life's now have to live in fear and do without things so we can pay our electric bill..

I hope this email serves as one example of how many people are hurting financially. Not all seniors have big bank accounts to live on. At this very moment I have \$126 to my name in my bank. Soon as SS comes it will be gone to pay my bills.. I live in 474 Square ft studio. Not big fancy home.

Please help us.. We all who are here are in small rooms.

Should not have had a bill for \$286 for 30 days??

Thank you for for time.

I pray this letter has some meaning.

Marsha Scott

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Anna Reckelhoff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Reckelhoff - Request to deny CenterPoint rate increases, Cause #: 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:03:21 PM

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Information:

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Telephone/ email address: 812-550-3118/ anrureck@gmail.com

Utility: CenterPoint Energy

IURC cause number: 45990

Details: I am a utility customer and all of the comments are on my own behalf

Comments:

Hello,

I'm writing today in regards to my concerns for the proposed increases in CenterPoint's rates for the area of Evansville, IN and putting forward to you my request for you to say NO to them. The following is some of my personal experience as a resident of Evansville, and a CenterPoint customer.

My husband and I moved back to the Evansville area in 2017 and purchased our first house here- a historic home in downtown Evansville (i.e, very drafty and inefficient). In the past 7 years, we've made many energy improvements to our home. We have: insulated our crawl space, insulated pipes/hvac vent tubes, switched to all LED lighting, invested in Nest thermostats that have set schedules to turn down when we are gone, at night, etc, purchased new low-energy washer/dryer units and refrigerator, have installed a high efficiency hvac unit (quite a bit more \$\$ for that version), purchased heat-insulating curtains, installed low-E glass storm windows, we have done our best to air seal our historic windows, and air seal other penetrations outdoors and into the attic, we have even turned down our water heater. We keep our thermostat at 60F in the winter and 80F in the summer. We have put forth great efforts to reduce our usage of electricity/gas and despite these efforts, we've seen our bills steadily increase year after year despite our usage going down. There is not much left for us to continue to give and change in this department, and with CenterPoint behind the helm, it feels our efforts are a losing battle and we need someone to stand up to them.

I personally feel that there has hardly been a single year here without some form of price hike. I'd like to point out that although they claim that this current increase item hasn't been adjusted in many years, that is a purposeful misdirection and an omittance of the full story which would tell you that they have indeed found and put through numerous other increases. They put it out to you in this form to make you believe that they are being reasonable, but it is not. To my knowledge they must have raised about everything else possible in the last 7 years. Natural gas cost has gone up, the fees for distribution and services, other fees, added credits and the like to have us pay for their upcoming expansions or supposed fixing of things. The list never seems to end. I even remember reading that we were somehow paying an amount towards issues with their operations in Texas--why?

If you take into consideration the overall increases that the customers of the city of Evansville have endured in the past multiple years, you would see that our bills have gone up exponentially and additionally we already for many years have paid the highest rates for electricity in all of Indiana. By those two pieces of information, it should be an easy decision to simply reject their proposals and start pushing back on them. These increases aren't fair, or reasonable, and the people of Evansville have already been squeezed enough by them. I do not consider my household to be particularly financially strained, however, when I think of the lengths and sacrifices of comfort that we have done to reduce our bills, I worry about what lesser fortunate people of Evansville would need to resort to. It isn't safe to keep lowering your thermostat in winter. At the end of the day, CenterPoint is doing this out of corporate greed or poor spending on their part and we need to stop being "yes men" to them. Don't fall for their tricks and don't be fooled by the "we haven't increased this in X years"--they've increased a lot else in those years. One of the best parts of living in Indiana is supposed to be the affordability and we're losing that appeal quickly. Can't live here if I can't afford to heat/cool the house.

Beyond the rate increases, I'm extremely alarmed by one part of the proposal points listed as follows: "(3) APPROVAL OF A CRITICAL PEAK PRICING ("CPP") PILOT PROGRAM". We've seen what the peak pricing model has done to the people in Texas. We get large temperature shifts here in Evansville, and I wince at the thought that they would possibly be allowed to charge more when demand is high. That is simply disgusting and please remember that they wouldn't be proposing this unless they had a lot of money to gain from it. Please, please, please do NOT let any form of Peak pricing go through. It would be a disaster for the people of Evansville.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reject CenterPoints requests. Our city already pays the highest electricity bills in the state and we have undergone so many other price/fee increases from them in the past years. We need someone to advocate for us and to see that this is not reasonable and not fair.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Anna Reckelhoff

From: [carol](#)
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Subject: Carol Ann Seiler-Kirchoff - Public Case Comment - CenterPoint Energy Electrical Rate Case - Cause Number 45990
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Public Case Comment
CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 45990
Mrs. Carol Ann Seiler-Kirchoff
Evansville, IN 47711

"The number one question I receive from potential homebuyers after showing a property is, "what are the average utility bills"?

As a REALTOR®, I am acutely aware of the impact of utility costs on homeownership decisions in Southwest Indiana. High utility costs are a significant deterrent for prospective buyers and can deter investment in our Southwest Indiana community!!

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in electrical rates by CenterPoint Energy. As a resident of Evansville, Indiana, I am deeply concerned about the detrimental impact this increase would have on our community, especially considering the economic challenges we already face. I am also concerned with how the electrical rate will affect the real estate market in regards to residential, commercial, and industrial.

First and foremost, it is crucial to acknowledge that CenterPoint Energy holds a monopoly in our area, leaving customers with no other utility options. This lack of competition creates a situation where consumers are at the mercy of arbitrary rate hikes, without any recourse or alternative providers to turn to. Such a monopoly severely limits consumer choice and bargaining power, making it imperative for CenterPoint Energy to act responsibly and fairly.

Expanding on the impact of high utility costs in the Southwest Indiana housing market, I witness firsthand how these costs influence residential homeownership decisions and overall market dynamics. As a REALTOR®, I interact daily with prospective buyers and sellers, and utility costs consistently emerge as a primary concern!!

Evansville's status as having to bear the burden of the 19th highest electrical rates in the United States significantly affects the residential housing market dynamics. This statistic is alarming, particularly when juxtaposed with our city's yearly median income compared to the national average. Evansville residents, as well as the greater Evansville Metropolitan area already face significant economic challenges, with our median income falling below the national median. Coupled with Indiana's minimum wage, which is among the lowest in the country, many citizens in our community struggle to make ends meet, let alone get ahead or catch up financially. The glass ceiling is indeed intact in Southwest Indiana!!

Prospective buyers for homes carefully evaluate not only the price of the home but also

the ongoing expenses associated with homeownership, including utilities. High utility costs in Southwest Indiana act as a deterrent for many potential buyers, reducing the pool of interested parties and prolonging the time properties remain on the market. Consequently, sellers may encounter challenges in selling their homes at desired prices or within reasonable time frames, ultimately impacting their financial well-being.

Moreover, an increase in electrical rates would exacerbate these challenges, further dampening housing market activity. Higher utility costs would amplify the financial strain on homeowners, potentially leading to decreased purchasing power and a reluctance to invest in homeownership.

Also do not lose sight of the fact, higher utility costs not only affect homeowners but renters as well that pay their own utility bills. Whether it is a renter or homeowner, utility costs are a factor in the viability within Southwest Indiana. Either renting or owning a person or family can choose to stay within or outside the Southwest Indiana community.

Additionally, prospective buyers, tenants, and occupants whether purchasing or leasing residential, commercial, or industrial may opt for properties in areas with lower utility costs. Thus will divert demand away from Southwest Indiana and hinder the area's economic growth and development.

In essence of these concerns, I urge the judge and all other decision makers in the ruling of this case to reconsider the proposed CenterPoint Energy rate increase and explore alternative solutions that do not place an unfair burden on Southwest Indiana residents. Transparency and accountability are essential in decision-making processes that directly impact the lives of consumers, businesses, and the economy.

The wave after wave that will be barreling in with regards to increasing the electric rate by Centerpoint Energy in Southwest Indiana is a rippling effect that will not only hinder the stabilization and growth but significantly decrease what we already have with real estate, economic growth and development, businesses, healthcare, and so much more!!

Please consider the ripple effect this proposed electric rate can cause!!"

Jacob Kohlmeyer
3010 E Boonville New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47725

February 29, 2024

OUC Public Comments
115 W Washington St Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To whom it may concern:

As a longstanding resident of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, I am writing to express my strong opposition to CenterPoint Energy's proposed rate hikes.

My connection to this community runs deep, anchored by familial ties, meaningful employment as a librarian within an exceptional library system, and a cherished network of friends and church associates. The current cost of energy in our region, however, has reached an alarming level, prompting me to reconsider my commitment to this community due to the financial strain.

At present, the expenses incurred for energy consumption are unprecedented. Despite the temporary vacancy of my residence while I attend to the care of my parents, I find myself burdened by a nearly \$200 bill for a property with minimal power usage, limited to a security system drawing negligible kilowatt-hours. This incongruity raises questions about the justification for the continuous approvals granted to CenterPoint Energy.

It is perplexing that CenterPoint has consistently received acquiescence without the introduction of competition or meaningful relief for residents. The adverse impact of their exorbitant rates extends beyond financial inconvenience, as it compels some individuals into dire circumstances, including homelessness. This crisis is starkly evident in my daily interactions with library patrons, many of whom utilize our facilities due to the unaffordability of internet services in their homes, with some regrettably lacking even a place to call home.

The situation is dire, and the consequences are alarming. I implore you to scrutinize the actions of CenterPoint Energy and carefully consider the implications of approving further rate increases. The company's purported mission falls short of its actual practices, and the prevailing avarice is contributing to a distressing societal divide.

As a librarian with a profound appreciation for public records and their role in informing citizens, I assure you that every decision made will be documented, archived, and made available for public study, for quite a long time. The responsibility for the outcome of this matter will inevitably rest on the shoulders of each member of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Governor

482 7-1102

Holcomb, as your decisions profoundly impact the lives of the constituents you serve. This decision will factor into the city and region's growth, or probable lack thereof in the years to come.

Please - champion the cause of the community and make decisions that align with fairness, equity, and the well-being of Evansville and Indiana residents. Your commitment to doing the right thing will undoubtedly leave a lasting positive legacy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jacob Kohlmeyer, MLIS

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Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I would like to make a comment on something centerpoint seems to be talking about as their reasoning for the rate increase. Upgrading from coal to renewable energies. The utility company had to explore everything from power creation to distribution when doing the due diligence to purchase Vectren in 2019. The facts are that the utility was doing so well financially that Centerpoint could afford to purchase the utility back then. Since then the energy bills for all of our buildings have doubled from additional fees we have been forced into paying. I really wish there was one member on the OUCC board that lived in this area that was forced to see for themselves the constant increase in fees. Coupled with the fact that we have 5 power plants around the Evansville area. I could understand if delivery of energy was happening from solar panels in Nevada but it's not. It's made within a 30 min drive of most residents. I do not blame centerpoint for asking for a rate increase. Asking for a raise is something you should do over time however we don't have to continue to allow them to keep raising rates higher and higher. The system is broken. The median income in Evansville area is \$29,393 and that is \$2,449.41 monthly. With an AVERAGE electric bill of \$160 that is 6.53% of the average working persons income. That means the average person in Evansville spends 16% of their working hours just to pay for electric for their home. I would be willing to bet if you were in that same position you would be against this increase. After all on the average bill of \$160 we're talking about a 25% increase in rates. Have you ever had a 25% increase in your salary? But at the end of the day, I know how the game is played. The governor that appointed you all needs reelection funding and you guys don't want to loose your seats in this position. I wish it didn't work that way but It seems that is the most likely outcome from this. I hope though that you can at least attempt to put yourself in the shoes of the citizens you serve instead of serving the people that put you in the seat you're sitting at this moment. Without the people, you don't have a seat

Evansville, IN 47714
February 29, 2024

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Re: CenterPoint Electric Rate Case, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Cause No. 45990

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a residential electric customer of CenterPoint, and I am requesting that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission deny CenterPoint's proposal to increase electrical rates. My husband and I are retired and have a limited income, so an increase of nearly \$50 a month in addition to the already high rates we pay, is not sustainable. Our last two bills were more than \$450.

I am requesting that the IURC reduce the burden on residential customers by taking the following actions:

First, I ask that the IURC significantly reduce CenterPoint's return on equity. Customers do not have a way to increase their income each time an increase in utilities is approved, yet CenterPoint continues to increase its profit margin by increasing rates to consumers. There are many in our community who cannot afford this, retirees, young people just starting out on their own, single parents, etc. Should they have to worry and be burdened with higher rates because CenterPoint wants to continue increasing their profit margin?

Second, I ask that CenterPoint's proposed residential fixed charge increase be denied. CenterPoint's proposed fixed charge of \$23.20 would be the highest of any investor-owned electric utility in Indiana and one of the highest in the country. What reason is there to continue to place utility cost burdens on a community in which many cannot afford it?

Third, I am asking that the unfair cost allocation proposal by CenterPoint called "4 CP" be denied. CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation forces residential customers to subsidize the electricity bills of big industrial customers. It is not fair for residential customers to bear the burden of subsidizing industrial customers since they have the means to pay their bills.

Fourth, I am requesting that CenterPoint's request to remotely disconnect customers be denied. We need CenterPoint to stop disconnecting customers who are struggling to afford paying their power bills – not make it easier for them to disconnect even more families. CenterPoint should have empathy for those struggling with the high utility bills and be a good community partner by working with these individuals.

Fifth, I am requesting that CenterPoint be denied all unnecessary costs. For example, CenterPoint should not be allowed to force customers to pay for its costs of lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case. These costs are the costs of CenterPoint doing business and should not be passed on to its customers.

In conclusion, I believe the way to protect consumers and prioritize affordability in this case is to deny CenterPoint's rate hike.

Sincerely,

Robin Wright

CenterPoint Electric Rate Case

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Cause No. 45990

Public Hearing

February 29, 2024

My name is Danielle. I am 34 years old, originally from Kentucky, and living with my husband and dog in a house in Evansville we were lucky to buy in early 2021 before the interest rates skyrocketed. I am a residential electric customer of CenterPoint. I request that the Commission deny CenterPoint's proposal to increase my monthly bill by nearly \$50 over the next two years.

CenterPoint's proposed hike would be harmful to not only my family, but our community as you heard in the February 29th hearings. This proposed hike is in addition to the continually increasing distribution charges and other fees we have seen on our bills over the last several years. Our community should not have to worry about being forced to choose between paying utilities or putting food on the table. Not only are some people on fixed incomes, but we have people living in poverty and near poverty. Having utilities is essential to living and no one should have to live in dire circumstances because of corporate greed. While we are all aware that some expenses like going to a nice dinner or attending an event are wants, utilities are a need and a basic human right we should all have access to. As you know, the Indiana minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. In Evansville alone, the median household income as of 2022 was \$49,853. 18.6% of people are living in poverty. 16.6% of the population is at or above retirement age. (Census.gov). These groups of people will be the most at risk with the proposed rate hikes. How

can we expect to have a safe, productive, and thriving community, when people cannot afford their basic needs? Statically, crime rises with poverty. I attended the hearing, and my heart was broken hearing the stories from people who are suffering; Street lights going months without being fixed by CenterPoint in a lower income neighborhood, retired people and young parents struggling to get by and skipping meals to pay bills, a man with a TBI who got his masters and lost his job and to no fault of his own, now having a job peeling potatoes. Nonprofits hearing the struggles of people owing thousands upon thousands to CenterPoint. You were able to hear the personal stories of how negatively people are being impacted, and that's now, before any additional rate hikes have been approved. The number of people who were able to show up and speak, many who waited hours, should speak volumes. Others were unable to come for many reasons from being single parents to working multiple jobs to afford their bills.

I respectfully request that the Commission reduce the burden on residential customers by taking the following actions.

- First, I ask that the Commission significantly reduce CenterPoint's return on equity. CenterPoint is a monopoly and should not be allowed to have an incredibly high profit margin as utilities are a necessity. The 4 other investor-owned electric utilities have a return of below 10%, while CenterPoint has a 10.4%. Our community does not have an option to choose from a competitor seeing as utility monopolies were allowed only with government oversight, governments who are elected by the people and our Indiana government representatives should represent the best interest of the people, not the monopoly corporation.
- Second, please deny CenterPoint's proposed residential fixed charge increase. CenterPoint's proposed fixed charge of \$23.20 would be the highest of any

investor-owned electric utility in Indiana, and one of the highest in the country. They are asking for a 114% increase. According to In.gov, in the most recent IURC survey of residential electric utility rates, CenterPoint Energy's average bill ranked the highest among the utilities under IURC jurisdiction. This is before the new proposed rate hike has even been approved or implemented. Why are our bills the highest in Indiana when none of the Indiana cities covered under CenterPoint are close to having the highest median income in Indiana? In 2021, CenterPoint's CEO was one of the highest paid CEOs of utility companies. In 2021, he was paid 37.8 million, while CenterPoint began seeking massive hike rates from their customers. CenterPoint wants to recover costs incurred from projects over the last 14 years and expects its customers to recoup the money they've previously lost on bad coal investments as they transition to renewable energy. Why are we paying for a coal plant CenterPoint decided to build and stopped using? Why is CenterPoint's poor planning for the future of energy being paid for by customers who are desperately trying to keep their utilities on? 14 years ago we were not CenterPoint customers. 6 years ago we were not CenterPoint customers. A fixed charge also prevents people from controlling their bills and penalizes those who have already worked to make their homes more energy efficient. A fixed charge increase and rising utility bills will ultimately drive people out of this community and halt any growth here.

- Third, I ask that you deny the unfair cost allocation proposal by CenterPoint called "4 CP". CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation forces residential customers to subsidize the electricity bills of big industrial customers. It is unacceptable that residents are expected to relieve some of the bills for customers who are companies making profits. Why is the burden on an average person to assist with these bills?
- Fourth, please deny CenterPoint's request to remotely disconnect customers. We need CenterPoint to stop disconnecting customers who are struggling to afford

paying their power bills, not make it easier for them to disconnect even more families. Being disconnected after struggling to pay rising bill costs due to the unethical rate hikes is despicable. As I've stated, access to utilities is a fundamental right that should not be taken away as it would have detrimental consequences to one's mental health and safety if disconnected. Households with children, elderly, and people with disabilities and medical needs will also be more harmed by this. People will die without access to utilities.

· Fifth, I request that you deny all unnecessary costs. For example, CenterPoint should not be allowed to force us to pay for its costs of its lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case. Although this is not the current topic being reviewed, the ability to manipulate Distribution and Service Charges for gas as a tracker with no regulation or approval process is completely unreasonable. I have personally seen the distribution and service fees on my minimal gas usage increased over the last couple of years and it was 3 times the cost of gas itself on my last bill. My December-January 2022-2023 bill was \$131.12 for Gas Charge Cost and distribution was nearly the same cost at \$133.60. My most recent bill December-January 2023-2024, my gas was lower at \$59.76, but the Distribution and Services Charges were even higher at \$153.63. Keep in mind that during this most recent bill period, we had record low temperatures. How is it that my gas cost went down, but the Distribution and Services Charges have increased? It seems there is no oversight to how CenterPoint determines these charges for its customers, because of laws Indiana Governors allowed to be passed in 2013 and 2019. CenterPoint can start projects however they please with no risk to their company, as customers are footing the bill.

In conclusion, please deny CenterPoint's rate hike. Please protect Indiana consumers, our community, and prioritize us over the monopoly corporation when deciding this case. Our community does not have the endless resources to fight against CenterPoint, whereas they are clearly able to keep putting us in this position by increasing our rates. None of us want to see more people being at risk of losing their homes and becoming homeless as we have seen happen in many other communities. The median income compared to the average utility bill is disproportionate. Evansville has one of the highest costs for utilities for our population and the other cities on the list are suburbs of major cities such as San Francisco and Seattle, areas with a much higher median household income. You can see how it doesn't seem to make sense that ours would make this list as one of the highest utility rates. I speak for everyone when I ask you to heavily consider all of us. The single mom who can barely afford daycare, the elderly man who can't afford his high electric bill on a fixed income, the child who goes to school every day hungry, the parents raising a child with disabilities, the person one emergency away from being homeless, the family that wants to be able to live instead of just survive. Please think of our community and all of the people who are already struggling to pay for groceries. Anything could happen to any one of us, at any time. We never know when we could end up in circumstances that make it hard for us to get by, an unexpected accident, illness, injury, losing a job. Please have it in your hearts to do the right thing for your fellow Hoosiers.

Thank you for your time,

Danielle

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS:

I am a CenterPoint Customer since August of 2023. One purpose of this communication is to learn how electrical charges are calculated within a living space of 1000 square feet, how to prevent unpredictable charges that deduct a third of needed work income, to prevent public assistance as an option, and learn why energy is almost \$100 more a month than the rest of the country (local news story).

Prior Actions:

- documented numerous calls to CenterPoint representatives, a supervisor, etc., to get an understanding: result, they do not, respectfully, know the answer using data
- surveyed those living around me to learn their electric costs to lower mine, result: interviewed do not know: results: using a space heater does not solve a problem, blaming does not answer, baffled public

Nextdoor Community comment:

“My house was built in the 40’s. January I used 339 kwh of electricity, the charge was \$80.1.”
“Just got my Center Point bill, 799.”

Things I have done to assist myself and learn as a minimalist/steward:

- Interviewed in the community to learn experiences
- Double-curtains at windows
- Purchased materials to prevent energy waste
- New Unit opened in August of 2023
- Had management check living area, meter, attic, water heater (preset), ceiling lights of 4 flood lights that are LED installed by builder- no reason provided, bought energy efficient bulbs
- Learned of a double fire-wall
- Wash one load weekly in dishwasher
- Vacuum once a week
- Have about 5 items plugged in wall (ie. lamps for safety, purifier for health, etc.); unplugged as can
- Wash 3-5 loads of clothes, at most each week, only one load uses warm water
- Rarely use electric range
- Turn my unit down to at least 69 when leaving long periods or work, consistently (winter)
- Still, my bill is almost the same of neighbors who stay inside, whose visible actions are different
- Lessened food bill, extra spending, set unit at a level just above needing lots of extra clothing but not low enough to become ill
- Data (January 19, 2024 from 5:55 a.m. to 1:24 p.m. with temperature at 24 degrees outside and on world-weather.info and cell phone app) one of the coldest days of the year and learned my unit runs about every six minutes if set on 70 degrees, slightly chilly, then 72 degrees, but 73 is too warm for me)
- Collected data (February 17, 2024, at 11:52 a.m. and found the on off time of the 6-minute run on the unit is consistent, and the amount of time between periods to cut itself back on is about 33 minutes; at 72 setting, slightly chilly, and 73 still too warm), temperature is 26 outside

CenterPoint provisions:

- Email support documents, representatives, etc. that are not realistic of living experiences in the 21st century ... hypothetical saving through long lists of emailed suggestions is based upon what data within what household, etc.?
- Community businesses (some) display signs of monetary donations to public (data irrelevant)
- Hypotheticals (one email bill material) not realistic (example of a bill slightly over \$20... unrealistic for customer concerns, etc.: bills at \$200+ is more realistic based on customer data, although there may be outliers of \$23.20 bill)

I think that a customer who desires a meter read should be able to have it done. I was told it could not be done during a conversation on Feb. 16, 2024, when I asked for a rereading. Smart meters, like robots used in hospital surgeries are not perfect and must be regulated.

No representative can explain KWH usage in layperson's terms . . . energy costs. All I can calculate within 31 days is at least \$11.00 a day, but that does not explain the person with 336KWH paying \$80. A calculation can be done to determine when my meter runs for me to utilize data to manage usage. Equalized billing usually has an extra charge at the end of an agreement. That, I cannot afford. I have had different explanations to the same question from different representatives regarding Actual Readings, Estimated Readings and how they occur or do not occur, etc. (most details are observations-some personal with few, if any facts based upon data)

There are other things that I can add, but those would be repetitive, based on frustrations, mute points. I grew up in a hot section of the country and had daily information from the utility company that aided users to monitor usage and tailor lifestyles to fit budgets.

Bills (within my actions that have remained consistent) not weather being cold:

Nov. 8	\$90.91 for 441 KWH
Dec. 8	\$158.88 for 842 KWH
Jan. 10	\$233.07 for 1173 KWH
Feb. 9	\$335.25 for 1745 KWH

Four months of bills for 1,000 square feet = \$818.11

I still do not know how my charges apply to the Reliability Cost and Revenue Adjustment of Nov. 30, 2023. Is one charged twice for \$16.55. (December bill, and my email bounced from a no-reply.)

If there are almost 245 units where I live; a certain segment of the population is asked to pay very high costs for energy when healthcare is pivotal. Assistance is mentioned, but not easily available to learn or how impacted by income levels. Errors such as the \$700 bill I found during one interview, transparency/accountability, not having to pay under duress, should be part of any rate restructuring. My feet are cold, so I must turn my unit from 72 to 73 degrees.

My goal is to know facts, to realistically understand how to manage usage, during any season.

Thank you,
Sherrill

Re: IURC Cause No. 45990
Center Point Energy

February 2024

My comment on Center Point Energy
22.29% residential electric
increase is a two-fold belief
it is due to:

- ① Center Point Energy GREED
- ② Center Point Energy lack to
effectively perform in
an efficient manner.

As a customer of this Monopoly
business; recommends, an audit and
investigation into Center Point Energy
related to financial and business
ethical operations.

This excessive increase will
cause a burden on struggling
low and fixed income residents.

Connie Haralson
Evansville Indiana 47714

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Utilities: CenterPoint -- Cause # 45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I am writing in regards to Cause # 45990.

We attended the hearing that took place 2/29/24 in Evansville, IN.
We hope the commission members in attendance heard our pleas, and realized how urgently our community needs this latest rate increase request to be denied.

Please do not allow our rates to increase, yet again.

I have lived in Evansville, IN, since 1997 in the same home, and my electricity rates have continually increased.

Enough is enough.

Please deny Centerpoint's latest rate increase request.

The resolution CO.R-02-24-003 submitted by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh Co pretty much stated many of the valid reasonings "why" this rate increase should be denied.

The citizens of Evansville and surrounding areas forced to be customers of Centerpoint (we have no other choice as energy consumers) have paid for the corporate profits of Centerpoint for way too long, and it's time to stop this.

Enough is enough.

Please deny Centerpoint's latest rate increase.

Thank you for your time.

3522 Katalla Drive
Newburgh, Indiana 47630
February 14, 2024

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor:

We oppose CenterPoint's request to raise its base electric rates!

Customers of Center Point have the highest rates in Indiana. Since we have no alternative to using their power, we must rely on our state officials to protect us from excessive rates. People cannot afford the high rates that are proposed.

Corporate officials deserve to be well paid — however, Center Point higher up officials (including retirees) are extremely overpaid.

Please consider the public who must use energy from Center Point and make the decision to deny their request to raise the base energy rates.

Thank you!
Charles & Kera Huffman

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IURC Cause # 45990
Center Point Energy

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Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case # 45590

I am writing to urge you to deny the rate hike requested by CenterPoint. Our area already has some of the highest utility bills in the country for a community our size. This increase would put us in the top 5 highest in USA by size. I am the Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist in Poseyville. We administer the local assistance program for our ministerial association. We average 1-2 requests for utility assistance right now. I imagine this number would grow even higher. Our small church and the others in our community do what we can--but we all have limited resources. Please deny this rate increase request.

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To whom it may concern:

Our local newspaper "The Princeton Clarion" had a ~~article~~ article that said we could write to you about Center Point Energy wanting a rate hike. I am totally against it. Our local news (channel 14) said it would amount to \$16.⁰⁰ more per month and the Evansville town council was against it among others. They are high enough as it is.

Here are some of the Reasons I am against it.

Center Point installed new poles but would not talk to us. I wrote to Gov Holcomb, both senators and my Congressman knowing I would probably not get an answer. But I did from Gov Holcomb. He told me to call the Indiana Regulatory Board in Indianapolis which I did. The tree service Center Point hired was Hatter out of Vincennes. They said they ~~had~~ had a 50 ft clearance and could possibly take my front porch. None of our deeds said anything about a 50 ft clearance. When I called the Regulatory Board I told them Center Point would not talk to us. We all called many, many times and was always told "Someone will call you back" which never happened and I asked if the 50 ft clearance was legal. Henry told me I would hear something within 7 days that was Feb 14, 2023. On May 17th he called me and said Center Point had no obligation to talk to any of their customers and had no obligation to inform me of anything. So I asked about the 50 ft deal. He said he didn't know and said Have a good day and bring up. Hatter cut down 15 of my pretty pines and left them piled up high across my front yard for weeks and weeks! They finally picked up the logs and said they would be back for the rest of the mess but never came back. I had to start moving so I had to hire people to help me clean it up and

pay for it out of my own pocket. It cost me \$200.00 I should never had to do that as I had ~~no~~ no say about anything. I was afraid to leave my house because I was afraid when I got home my porch would be gone. Then I find out the engineers made a mistake. It was not 50ft. It was 15ft. How Center Point has no obligation to talk to their customers is beyond me! It has been months of stress and worry. Therefore I am against any rate hike!

Thank you
Lesia Stott
LESA STOTT

Princeton, IN
47670

P.S. I will be 72 years old in a couple of weeks and all this has taken a lot out of me.

From: [Clark Stanfill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clark Stanfill - Center Point Rate Hikes
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 10:39:38 AM

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To Whom it may concern:

I'm emailing you to address and call out my disapproval, sadness and disgust over the consistent abusive rate-hikes in our area from Centerpoint Energy.

I'm not just writing for my family and me, but for those that I work with. I feel blessed and lucky to never have had to decide whether or not to pay our utility bill, or our mortgage. But I know many people through my work in wealth management, and in my communities and associations that have had to make that impossible choice.

CenterPoint Energy has started pushing families in our area to the financial breaking point and it absolutely has to stop. Through their own publications, they tout the work they're doing in green energy, which is being funded by us as their clients, to produce hideous solar farms in our community, taking up some of the world's most fertile farm ground, just to turn around and sell that produced energy to markets outside our own. The rate at which we pay per kilowatt hour has become abusive and has absolutely become an anti-trust issue. There is **no** competition for business in our area. They are the sole utility provider. They have gone unchallenged and unchecked in their price hikes for too long and the burden is being felt by not just the most vulnerable of our community, but by everyone who is **forced** to work with Centerpoint because of their geographical monopoly. I do not live in a particularly large home. I don't keep my home particularly cold in the summer or hot in the winter time and **our last bill was over \$700**. My home is not particularly old, we have an acceptable amount of high quality insulation, and yet our bill has continued to grow and grow over the last three years.

Due to my profession, I am uniquely qualified to understand inflation and how it affects individuals and companies alike, but the rate changes at CenterPoint have not only out-paced inflation, but have made the cost of simply heating/cooling ones' home in our area something that is leaving parents of small children, the sick, the elderly etc. in a place where mental, emotional, and financial health must be sacrificed all in the name of CenterPoint's bottom-line.

On behalf of all of us who have no choice but to continue to be abused by CenterPoint, please do everything in your power to stop and reverse recent rate hikes. Enough is enough and they must be stopped by those with a say.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Best Regards,
Clark Stanfill

From: [Cody Williams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: info@warrickcounty.gov
Subject: Cody Williams - Proposed Centerpoint Energy Rate Increase - Newburgh 501c3
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:30:44 PM

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Good evening.

My name is Cody Williams. I am a resident of Newburgh, Indiana and I am on the board of directors for Newburgh Junior Baseball. We have been in existence in Newburgh Indiana for 78 years. We are one of if not the longest running Buddy Ball programs in the state. Buddy Ball is a challenger league for anyone regardless of age, ability, disability or any other circumstances that can play baseball for free in Newburgh. This year alone we have 600 kids registered to play baseball as well as over 80 Buddy Ball participants.

Over the last several years of being on our board of directors I have noticed how much of a burden our electric bill is on our 501c3 organization. For our January bill alone for both parks we were billed \$1956.97 this is 3 meters at 2 parks. At these parks we do not have anything running in our buildings outside of a couple hours a week for baseball lessons where indoor ceiling LED lights are used. We do not have refrigerators running or anything outside that would warrant these outrageous charges.

It is crippling our ability to provide these programs and a safe place for kids play recreation baseball and buddy ball. The pricing just increases as our season ramps up because we cannot afford to convert any of our lighting on fields to LED. We are a 100% volunteer organization. The money we make from baseball fees goes directly into field maintenance, uniforms, funding buddy ball etc.

Please consider our plea to stop increasing the rates and delivery charges. I understand the rates have not increased but the delivery fees are out of control as well.

Thank You
Cody Williams
Newburgh Junior Baseball

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RE: IURC Case #45990 Center Point Energy

From:

Judy Rigney
5477 S. Yankee Truss Rd.
Bronville, In. 47601

Comment: Please Consider the customers:

I am a 72 yr. old Retired
Widow who has finally paid
off my mortgage, ... I
have a small pension and
Social Security income.

By the time I pay taxes,
insurance and medicine
along with Utility Bills
I can hardly get by now.
(I don't go out to eat or to movies etc)
I had hoped to travel and
enjoy life after retirement

We already pay the highest rates
in Indiana for Electricity, ...

PLEASE DO NOT LET CENTER POINT raise
rates even higher!! They can
make cuts just like we do!!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Baltzell
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:56:02 AM

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Evansville
IN
47725
Utilities: Center Point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: As a former employee, customer, Pastor and Civil Rights Advocate as President of our Local Branch 3048-B, I'm asking on behalf of our community residents, my members .
Please, have mercy on us!!!!

From: [Dawn Horton-Krack](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dawn R. Horton-Krack - IURC Cause No. 45990 - Center Point Energy
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:50:16 PM

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March 2, 2024

I am a lifelong resident of Vanderburgh County/Evansville, Indiana who has paid Center Point Energy, Vectren, and/or SIGECO on time every month for 41 years. I sincerely appreciate the safe and reliable gas and electric services I have enjoyed my entire life. In the event of service disruptions, the teams have made great efforts, and I am sure, personal sacrifices, to repair service despite the challenges including time of day and weather conditions.

It is my understanding that Center Point is requesting a monthly service fee increase in addition to a significant electric rate increase to be phased in beginning in the fourth quarter of 2024 through early 2026. I read while this is the first electric rate increase since 2009, there have been many other filings that have impacted rates in other forms over the past 14 years which gives the Evansville community the distinction of being charged the highest utility rates in Indiana!

I urge you to carefully consider the hardship this massive increase will have on our community. Not only will we as consumers pay the increased rates and service fees for our residences and businesses, but our community will be tasked with assisting an increased number of households with their basic needs, including paying Center Point. Home and apartment rental rates and the cost of necessities such as food, water, fuel, health care, insurance, etc. are at an all-time high. Our community has hundreds of families with children who are identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act and thousands on the brink of homelessness. Higher rates will further diminish their capability of providing for their families with dignity.

I acknowledge the need for a safe environment and an up-to-date infrastructure while complying with Federal regulations. However, while consumers pay the high utility rates, I am concerned about the impressive salaries that Center Point executives are paid. I am surprised by the high earnings and growth predictions shared in the [CP news release on February 20, 2024](#). I realize that providing reliable service does come at a cost to be shared by the consumers, but not while making executives and investors richer.

Please do not award Center Point Energy the service fee and electric rate increases they are requesting.

**Thank you,
Dawn R. Horton-Krack
9200 Neu Road
Evansville, IN 47720
812-455-2835
dawnhk2@gmail.com**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this comment on Center Point's application Cause No. 45990 before the Indiana Regulatory Commission. My comments are particular to the application but I believe they should apply to any water, sewer or energy application. The comments are in reference to the following.

The IURC Commissioners in their evaluation of an application must follow the conditions in IC 8-1-2-68:

Whenever, upon an investigation, the commission shall find any rates, tolls, charges, schedules, or joint rate or rates to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory, or to be preferential or otherwise in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the commission shall determine and by order fix just and reasonable rates, tolls, charges, schedules, or joint rates to be imposed, observed, and followed in the future in lieu of those found to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory or preferential or otherwise in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

At least publicly I am not aware of any guidelines describing "unjust, unreasonable, insufficient or unjustly discriminatory or to be preferential". But, maybe there should be. And, maybe those guidelines should be law. But, that is for another day.

Several years back as a State Representative I proposed the more descriptive word "unaffordable" be added to the law as a guideline. I thought then the idea "affordability" was not addressed in the law as an understanding of "reasonable". However, I now think affordable is reasonable and the real problem is defining what is affordable – a metric of affordability, if you will.

With the advent of the ALICE Report (a report of the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed households in Indiana authored by United Way), there is now a metric. ALICE is a compilation of the costs for basic household needs and comparing those costs to household income. In the end they come up with a percentage of those families that are in survival mode (my term). ALICE families are those working families above the poverty level but those families that can barely make ends meet. The report is compiled statewide and for our interests in this comment, countywide.

I think one can assume that with any major change in their expenses, they could lose their ALICE status and dive into poverty. In fact those above ALICE status could find themselves dropping to the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed household status. There are statistics that ALICE uses to determine the income needed for basic existence in our area; data that is then used to compare to the actual average income in the area and the difference is marked. The decisions IURC makes could be the major change that increases the number of families living in poverty or dropping to ALICE status.

The ALICE report puts a face to the challenge to project designers to develop projects and IURC Commissioners to approve only those projects that help families stay above the poverty line and definitely not cause more families to fall below ALICE.

In Vanderburgh Co in 2021 40% of households were seriously challenged to stay afloat. They are those at poverty level and those at the ALICE household level (added together). Said another way that is 40% of Hoosier households in Vanderburgh Co struggling to afford basic necessities or those who simply cannot afford basic necessities.

A cause for concern? Absolutely. Any application before the IURC should require the petitioner to address "affordability" as a condition of "reasonable".

How many more families would be thrown into the ALICE level from a dramatic increase in monthly energy costs? How many more families in the ALICE level would fall to poverty from a dramatic increase in monthly energy costs? And, what can be done to avoid dramatic increases?

If the IURC would consider taking steps like these suggested, surely the utility company would meet halfway:

- 1.) First, the IURC should accept a more definable "reasonable" evaluation to applications, to improve their performance in evaluating petitions; and
- 2.) Second that definition should include "affordability" as a determinant of "reasonable";
- 3.) Third, it is my opinion that after the increase is determined by the petitioner, the IURC should engage the United Way to offer its opinion as to the affect on families;
- 4.) Fourth, the IURC should challenge the petitioner to revise his petition, if that petition causes an appreciable increase in household energy expenses;
- 5.) Finally, the IURC should halt any further action on this application until these four points are addressed.

In closing, I just received a comment like many comments I have received and wanted to share it with you. Although these are not employed energy users, they are many in our area:

"Watch out of Jan. Center Point bill. I just received ours and I was absolutely Floored. We have a very modest house,]1700 sq ft and our bill for electric service was \$458.72. Only 2 old folks living here. They are absolutely going to bankrupt everyone that has to use them."

Thank you,

Gail Riecken
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To Whom It May Concern

I was unable to attend the local meeting to protest your planned rate hikes so I am writing you to protest this absolutely ridiculous rate hike increase. Your rates are already out of control. You have a monopoly over the public and are taking advantage of that because you know you can. Our Center Point Energy bills take a huge chunk out of our Social Security Check every month. I am not rich & I'm not poor. I am proud to be middle class but no one is even concerned about the middle class. The rich can afford whatever comes their way & the poor get everything free or discounted already. So, where does that leave us? Thank God for the hard working middle class to pick up the slack. If you are strapped for cash, then use the money from our bills to cover the expenses associated with Center Point Energy operations &

quit giving money for sports, need
office building and whatever else
you waste it on. Too bad we
don't have a choice of where we
get our energy from. Shame on
you!

Kathy W

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
115 W. Washington St. Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: CenterPoint rate increase

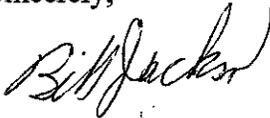
Like virtually all other CenterPoint customers (judging from vocal public opposition), I oppose the proposed rate increase for these reasons:

1. Our rates in Southern Indiana are already the highest in the state and 19th highest in the nation, according to numerous reports. I believe a pause should be effected for any CenterPoint rate increases until rates reach a more reasonable and comparable level.
2. This request is not for funding a new plant or similar major project but simply because, in effect, CenterPoint just wants more money from its customers for its operations.
3. This is a company that already boasts a high rate of return. An annual report for 2023 is glowing with reports of a strong 4th quarter and a 9 percent increase in earnings over the previous year. Other reports show ultra-generous compensation for its leaders.
4. Evansville residents have a particular problem. Our water utility has raised its rates and continues to do so to meet EPA mandates. Adding unnecessary CenterPoint increases to an already excessive rate only exacerbates the burden on Evansville residents.

I believe Texas-based CenterPoint was eager to enter the Indiana market because Vectren rates already were the highest in the state and there was an excellent prospect of a sympathetic regulatory process to continue that trend.

As an aside, I note that the Better Business Bureau of Houston and South Texas last year revoked the accreditation of CenterPoint Energy because of its failure to address issues that led to a pattern of complaints. This is not a company we should be rewarding with outsized rate increases.

Sincerely,



Bill Jackson
917 Plaza Drive
Evansville, IN 47715
March 1, 2024

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From: [Emily Endress](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily Endress Wambach - CenterPoint Proposed Rate (Cause No. 45990)
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 12:28:13 AM

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Dear Mr. Huston, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Veleta, and Mr. Ziegner,

I am writing to express my dismay and disgust that CenterPoint Energy, a company worth approximately 17 billion dollars, is requesting yet again to raise rates by 16%, at the expense of the health and safety of Indiana residents.

I noticed that Stefani Kreveda's term has expired. And with it, so has her assertion that the role of the IURC is to "ensure the public interest standard is met and that the utilities in Indiana provide safe and reliable service at JUST and REASONABLE rates."

I don't know how to describe what's happening other than an unconscionable act of greed. I notice several of you mention attending Christian churches in your biographies. I wonder what Jesus would say about letting 246 people freeze to death and then giving the man responsible 37 million dollars. Yes, I know that's a vast oversimplification. Yes, I know you don't regulate utilities in Texas. But I also know you are intelligent enough people to see the connection between unregulated, unhinged corporate greed and pure evil. The line is growing thinner every day.

As far as the argument that this money is needed to fund infrastructure that will lead to clean energy? Do you really expect any of us to believe that Centerpoint wants to fund initiatives that will make it less money? Do you expect us to believe that YOU believe that?

For once, please tell CenterPoint no. Many residents' literal lives are depending on it.

Sincerely,

Emily Endress Wambach
Evansville, Indiana

From: [Deanna Brackett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deanna Brackett - IURC Cause No.45990 / Center Point Energy
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:49:11 PM

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing as a concerned customer of Center Point Energy who resides Evansville, IN. Center Point's proposed rate increases for our area are extreme and out-of-line with the rest of the state of Indiana, as well as our nation. We pay more for energy here in Southern Indiana, where the average household income is at or below the national average. We experienced a rate increase in November of 2023, less than 4 months ago and Center Point is now pushing for another. Center Point needs to look internally at how it appropriates funds and find alternatives to raising rates by 30%.

I am involved with a not-for-profit who helps assist those who fall behind on their utility bills. There is a greater need than ever before for this type of assistance. Many of these individuals are on fixed incomes. If the proposed rate increase is approved an even greater hardship will be placed on those who are already struggling. A dire situation will become worse.

Sincerely,
Deanna Brackett

FROM THE DESK OF

Steve Stanfill

February 29, 2024

OUC Public Comments
115 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, IN. 45204
VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

RE: Case 45990

To whom it may concern:

I respectfully request that the IURC categorically deny Centerpoint's rate increase request for the Southern Indiana Market. I proffer the following reasons:

Centerpoint's rate structure is already higher than sister utility companies in the state and the region generally. Further, it is regressive in that "non commodity fees" have become the largest part of the monthly invoice. This is a distinct disincentive for residential solar generation and residential conservation efforts generally. This is public policy that is in conflict with stated goals of both political parties, and well as good sense generally.

Centerpoint's guaranteed rate of return is at 10.4%, which is higher than similar utilities and rivals true profit margins of competitive private sector companies. If Toyota builds a lousy car, consumers have the option of taking their dollars elsewhere and purchasing another make. This free enterprise model ensures efficiency and quality product in most cases being delivered to the consumer. With a regulated utility like Centerpoint, only IRUC oversight can ensure a modicum of efficiency and a rational pricing model.

David J. Lesar, president and CEO of Centerpoint Energy has made \$37.8 million in salary, bonuses, and stock incentives each year since 2020. This is according to the nonprofit shareholder advocacy group known as *AS YOU SOW*. The average CEO in Evansville made \$185,099 (from [payscale.com](https://www.payscale.com)). I've always had a problem with itinerant professionals who feel that they can live (geographically speaking) beyond the effects of their inferior performance. That is what we have here.

To be completely candid, I feel that the IRUC must deny this rate request to remain credible as a regulatory body. As I attended the IURC public field hearing in Evansville today, inferences were made by the many present that the Republican administration was responsible for giving into past rate increase requests. As a staunch conservative, I don't buy that for a minute. That said, please understand that constituents from both

sides of the aisle believe strongly that approving this onerous rate request would be a very bad idea indeed, and detrimental to the economic growth of this area of the State of Indiana. To quote one of the speakers in the meeting this afternoon, "I'm 80 years old, and I don't need this kind of aggravation in my life!" None of us do.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Stanfill

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Subject: Jack Gary Jeffries Jr
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IN
47712
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Honorable Members of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission,

My name is Jack Jeffries.

I appear before you today to strongly advocate for the denial of CenterPoint Energy's request for an electric rate increase. If approved, this increase would impose a burdensome additional cost of \$47.24 per month on the average household in Evansville. Furthermore, CenterPoint wants to command the highest residential fixed charge of \$23.20, a massive 114% increase over the current \$10.84, further exacerbating the financial strain on residents. With a poverty rate of 18.6%, many families and individuals are already struggling to make ends meet. For those earning around \$12 per hour (the approximate median income), this rate increase would necessitate working approximately 48 additional hours per year, further stretching already tight budgets, and further tipping the scales of work/life balance.

Furthermore, it is concerning that CenterPoint is requesting the highest return on equity within the state of Indiana. This raises questions about the company's commitment to providing affordable service to its customers. This sentiment is further echoed in the strategic objectives outlined in the most recent earnings call by CenterPoint President and CEO Jason Wells, where affordable service was listed as the fifth priority, behind delivering consistent and sustainable non-GAAP earnings per share, dividend per share growth, investing in customer-driven capital, and driving industry-leading rate-based growth. This is concerning, as it suggests that CenterPoint is prioritizing profits over the well-being of its customers, despite the marketing email I received from Centerpoint two days ago.

My average electric bill has been between \$50 and \$70 for the time I have been a residential customer. Sometimes higher, sometimes lower, but nothing extreme. Until last month. My electric bill was almost \$200. Such a sudden jump was an immense shock. I am fortunate that I could cover the difference-but in doing so, as with this proposed increase, it takes away money from others that I care about. It represents less that I can save for my twin daughters' future. It represents less that I have to support my girlfriend while she pursues her educational goals. I represent just one story, and there are countless more-hard-working Evansville residents who are already struggling with the day-to-day cost of living. Many of them would share their stories with you this afternoon, if it were not for the fact that they are working to provide for themselves and their families. You undoubtedly will hear from some of them tonight.

Affordable and reliable electric service is not a privilege but a necessity for the well-being of our community. I urge

the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to prioritize the interests of Evansville residents and deny CenterPoint's request for an electric rate increase in its entirety. The burden it would place on residents is simply too great and further enriches a company that is already known for some of the highest electric rates in the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda
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47714
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case 49550

I am a single mom with 3 kids working a good job that pays well for the area. My electric/gas bill regularly compromises FIFTEEN PERCENT of my monthly budget. *Note that this does not include all utilities - no water, sewer, or internet/cable is included with that. Considering that we pay some of the highest rates in the country another rate hike of nearly \$50 is an abhorrent suggestion. The high utility rates in this area are driving people out of the community. Considering one can drive 10 minutes into Kentucky and pay a fraction of the utility rates of Evansville, we need to ask WHY it is acceptable to do this to residents of Evansville. Please, for sake of everyone living in Evansville, do not approve the rate increase proposed by CenterPoint.

From: [Ben Gibson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Benjamin Gibson - IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:38:10 PM

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Information:

- Name: **Benjamin Gibson**
- Email: brgibsondev@gmail.com
- City,State,Zip: **Evansville, IN, 47713**
- Utility: **CenterPoint Energy**
- IURC cause number: **45990**
- Details: **I am a utility customer and all of the comments are on my behalf**

Thoughts:

- I do not believe we should approve these rate increases.
- We should not miss the forest for the trees (ie:)
 - CenterPoint's requests may seem acceptable on the individual level.
 - However, in the aggregate Evansville, IN pays some of the highest utility rates in the entire state.
 - We need to put a stop to these rate increases until we are on par with the rest of the state.
 - *Side note - a few more sayings that line up with their rate increases:*
 - *Death by a thousand cuts*
 - *No single raindrop thinks they are the cause of the flood*

Summary of "Details":

- In my "Comments" section below, I have written four sections.
- The most important sections to me are #1, #2, #3. I have summarized them here:
 - Section #1: Critical Peak Pricing is very concerning to me.
 - Section #2: We have already seen a ~20% increase to our electric bill between 2023 and 2024 and this should not continue.
 - Section #3: CenterPoint gross profits continue to rise year-over-year. When you combine our gas+electric (which both go to CenterPoint), we pay some of the highest rates in the state. As long as we are (A) paying premium rates, (B) CenterPoint continues to be profitable, and (C) CenterPoint has increasing gross profits, then we should not allow rate increases.

Details:

1. **I am EXTREMELY concerned about: "(3) APPROVAL OF A CRITICAL PEAK PRICING ("CPP") PILOT PROGRAM"**
 - This feels dangerous for consumers during extreme cold and hot weather because it is designed to encourage customers NOT to run their utilities when they will need them most (ie. when demand is high).

- This happens at least a few times a year in Indiana with its dramatic swings in temperature.
 - This also impacts lower-income families more than higher-income families. While higher-income families may be unhappy to receive high bills, they will be able to keep on their utilities at a comfortable level and pay their high bills.
 - However low-income families will suffer regardless, because they will either (A) keep their heat/AC at dangerously low levels or (B) put themselves potentially worse in debt by having to pay extra money when they may not already have it.
 - Similarly, this program is designed to encourage customers to better insulate their homes or add solar panels, which are things that are more easily attainable for the wealthy.
 - To summarize, this program promotes unhealthy behavior for customers, is more detrimental for lower-income families, and (I assume) makes more money for energy companies (since I doubt this is an altruistic cause).
2. We have already seen a ~20% increase in our electricity cost (before sales tax) between 2023 and 2024 (please see my calculations below. Also, I believe Evansville, IN already has some of the highest energy and natural gas bills in the state. It does not feel like the utility should be requesting this increase while consumers are still hurting.
- Electricity:
 - **Feb 2024 (my latest bill)**
 - **1472 kWh used**
 - **\$268.23 (not including tax)**
 - Calculation:
 - \$0.19498641304 per kWh
 - an increase of ~19.59% since 2023
 - Breakdown:
 - *Current Electric Charges \$268.23 (Includes a Service Charge of \$10.84)*
 - *State Sales Tax \$18.79*
 - *\$287.02 Total Electric Charges*
 - **Feb 2023**
 - **1068 kWh used**
 - **\$174.14 (not including tax)**
 - Calculation:
 - \$0.16305243445 per kWh
 - Breakdown:
 - *Current Electric Charges \$174.14 (Includes a Service Charge of \$10.84)*
 - *State Sales Tax \$12.20*
 - *\$186.34 Total Electric Charges*
3. Center point energy continues to increase its gross profits year-over-year. They do not need to be increasing our already high rates while their gross profit is increasing year-over-year.
- Source:
 - <https://www.macrotrends.net/stocks/charts/CNP/centerpoint-energy/gross-profit>
 - gross profit for the twelve months ending September 30, 2023 was \$6.489B, a 5.32% increase year-over-year.
 - annual gross profit for 2022 was \$6.23B, a 3.54% increase from 2021
 - annual gross profit for 2021 was \$6.017B, a 6.06% increase from 2020
 - annual gross profit for 2020 was \$5.673B, a 2.31% increase from 2019

4. "(5) APPROVAL OF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING RELIEF, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO CAPITALIZE AS RATE BASE ALL CLOUD COMPUTING COSTS AND DEFER TO A REGULATORY ASSET AMOUNTS NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN BASE RATES THAT ARE INCURRED FOR THIRD-PARTY CLOUD COMPUTING ARRANGEMENTS"

- Cloud computing costs should not be passed down to "normal" apartment dwellers and homeowners. I don't know if that's what this is about, but if it's somehow being included in all of our base rates, that should not be allowed.

Thanks:

Thanks in advance for your careful consideration of these rate increases and for keeping an eye on CenterPoint moving forward.

Sincerely,
Ben Gibson

To whom it may concern

I do not feel the Center Point Engery Rates should be raised. I am a senior citizen and live very tight on a fixed income--and a raise would be detrimental not only for myself but for all citizens. It's hard enough to live on the amount and I feel the citizens of this Country should not be treated this way. Maybe the millions that our Government sent to help other countries should be used to help our country. It is a cultures duty to take care of their own.

Thank you
Mrs. Garland

FEB 26 AM 8:31

From: jacob.kohlmeyer@protonmail.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacob Kohlmeyer - Cause Number 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:57:32 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As a longstanding resident of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, I am writing to express my strong opposition to CenterPoint Energy's proposed rate hikes.

My connection to this community runs deep, anchored by familial ties, meaningful employment as a librarian within an exceptional library system, and a cherished network of friends and church associates. The current cost of energy in our region, however, has reached an alarming level, prompting me to reconsider my commitment to this community due to the financial strain.

At present, the expenses incurred for energy consumption are unprecedented. Despite the temporary vacancy of my residence while I attend to the care of my parents, I find myself burdened by a nearly \$200 bill for a property with minimal power usage, limited to a security system drawing negligible kilowatt-hours. This incongruity raises questions about the justification for the continuous approvals granted to CenterPoint Energy.

It is perplexing that CenterPoint has consistently received acquiescence without the introduction of competition or meaningful relief for residents. The adverse impact of their exorbitant rates extends beyond financial inconvenience, as it compels some individuals into dire circumstances, including homelessness. This crisis is starkly evident in my daily interactions with library patrons, many of whom utilize our facilities due to the unaffordability of internet services in their homes, with some regrettably lacking even a place to call home.

The situation is dire, and the consequences are alarming. I implore you to scrutinize the actions of CenterPoint Energy and carefully consider the implications of approving further rate increases. The company's purported mission falls short of its actual practices, and the prevailing avarice is contributing to a distressing societal divide.

As a librarian with a profound appreciation for public records and their role in informing citizens, I assure you that every decision made will be documented, archived, and made available for public study, for quite a long time. The responsibility for the outcome of this matter will inevitably rest on the shoulders of each member of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Governor Holcomb, as your decisions profoundly impact the lives of the constituents you serve. This decision will factor into the city and region's growth, or probable lack thereof in the years to come.

Please - champion the cause of the community and make decisions that align with fairness, equity, and the well-being of Evansville and Indiana residents. Your commitment to doing the right thing will undoubtedly leave a lasting positive legacy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacob Kohlmeyer, MLIS

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: RE: Cause No. 45990 CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case

Introduction:

CEI South's recent proposal to increase utility rates has raised significant concerns among consumers across Indiana. As representatives of the public interest, it is our responsibility to voice strong opposition to CEI South's rate hike, which we believe to be unjustified and detrimental to the well-being of Hoosier households.

Unjustified Increase:

CEI South claims that the current rates are insufficient to cover its operating expenses and attract necessary capital investments. However, their assertion fails to consider the financial strain it would impose on already struggling households. CEI South's prioritization of profit margins over the affordability of essential services disregards the economic realities faced by many Indiana residents.

Lack of Transparency:

The lack of transparency in CEI South's rate increase proposal is deeply concerning. Their utilization of forward-looking test years and complex financial mechanisms makes it difficult for consumers to understand how their rates are determined. The public deserves clear and comprehensible explanations of rate adjustments to ensure accountability and fairness.

Disproportionate Impact:

CEI South's proposed rate increase would disproportionately burden vulnerable populations, including low-income families and fixed-income retirees. These consumers may face difficult choices between paying utility bills and meeting other basic needs, potentially leading to increased financial hardship or service disconnection. CEI South must recognize the social implications of its pricing decisions and strive for equitable solutions.

Profitability of CenterPoint Energy:

Considering that CenterPoint Energy reported a net income of \$518 million in 2023 and operates in a regulated environment where the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission sets limits on rates, it is likely that CEI South, as

part of CenterPoint Energy's operations in Southern Indiana, is profitable. However, without specific financial data, the exact extent of their profitability remains unclear. This underscores the importance of scrutinizing rate increase proposals to ensure they are justified and do not unduly burden consumers.

Alternative Solutions:

Instead of shifting the financial burden onto consumers, CEI South should explore alternative strategies to address its financial needs. This could include implementing cost-saving measures, improving operational efficiency, and seeking alternative revenue sources that do not place undue hardship on ratepayers. By prioritizing affordability and consumer well-being, CEI South can demonstrate a commitment to serving the best interests of Indiana residents.

Need for Public Input:

CEI South's rate increase proposal underscores the importance of robust public participation in utility rate-setting processes. It is imperative that the concerns and perspectives of consumers are heard and considered in decision-making. Public input ensures that regulatory outcomes reflect the needs and priorities of Indiana communities, rather than corporate interests.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we vehemently oppose CEI South's proposed rate increase and urge the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to reject it in favor of fair and reasonable utility pricing. CEI South's actions demonstrate a disregard for the economic well-being of Hoosier households and undermine the principles of affordability, transparency, and fairness in utility regulation. We call on the Commission to prioritize the interests of consumers and ensure that utility rates remain affordable and equitable for all Indiana residents.

From: [Janis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janett and Rupert Simmons - Fw: Southern Indiana proposed rate increases-please read
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:01:20 AM
Importance: High

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Apologies. I wrote this email directed to Centerpoint. I realize now that this email is for the regulation board. The sentiment is all the same. Please do not grant their request to increase the electric rates for our area based on my email below. The increase should not be allowed. We are already one of the highest in the country. Please read the email below. I would greatly appreciate it.
Thank you.

From: Janis <missjanis1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:11 AM
To: uccinfo@oucc.in.gov <uccinfo@oucc.in.gov>
Subject: Southern Indiana proposed rate increases-please read

Hello. Our names are Janett and Rupert Simmons. We are in high opposition to the electric rate hike that Centerpoint is requesting. In fact, we believe that they should be reviewing to decrease the current rates. We are one of the highest in the state and country based on the population and average income. It doesn't make sense to many of your customers. In our opinion, the costs that were spent by the company are overhead and should not be passed on to the customers who are already struggling with the constant inflation and the daily costs of high living expenses. Additionally, it appears that your company and executives are doing extremely well and could easily streamline the funds to cover the upgrades the rate increase is supposed to be for.

We built our house in 2003. We were told by Vectren at that time, we would get a discounted electric rate for having all electric appliances and a heat pump put in. So that is what we did. Heat pumps cost more than gas furnaces. We used to get the discounted electric rate. Our bills started going up and we called at that time, they said it didn't exist any longer. Of course it didn't. We are not young people who are noticing increases over the few years they have lived where they are. We have lived here 21 years this year. We know that our highest bill used to be \$140.00. Now it is \$400.00. (with no gas) Additionally, when us and our surrounding neighbors first built out here, there were no developments at that time. We all built on single lots in the middle of the country. We think this has helped the appeal of the area over the years and now it has built up with large expensive houses close to us, hence property taxes are going up now for the system that we have already paid into for over 20 years. It is disheartening. I know it doesn't matter to anyone at Centerpoint, but this property,

our house-is part of our marriage. We built it together on our own and both wish to die while living here. I do not know if it will be possible if things like this is keep happening.

My husband is 66 and cannot fathom retiring because we need the money now to pay the high power bills. If it goes up again with the proposed rate, we both would have to get 2nd jobs.

I wish some of the local firefighters would have spoken and ran the data of the multiple house fires in the area every year because people are using unsafe alternatives to heat their houses because they can't afford to turn on the actual heat. House fires are a daily news story in the cold months which result in loss of lives and make dangerous conditions for the surrounding houses. Centerpoint should also look into working with the county officials and many of the local property companies (slumlords) who rent out these unsafe homes that are not up to code and offer them support to get them updated for safety and overall power efficiency.

In closing, the proposed increase is short of criminal and will cripple us and all of the many customers in our communities.

Please take ours and everyone's stories in consideration. We are all human beings trying to survive, which used to not be this hard.

Thank you,
Janett and Rupert Simmons
Warrick County residents

From: schrader2@astound.net
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janice Schrader - Comments on CenterPoint Energy Cause Number 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:55:03 PM

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To Indiana OUCC:

As a residential electric customer of CenterPoint Energy, I am asking you to deny the rate hike in Cause Number 45990. This rate hike would be unaffordable for many in the Evansville area community.

Centerpoint has said that they need this funding for investment costs including costs of converting from coal to natural gas.

However, in CEI South Verified Petition 120523, CenterPoint states that “15. Petitioner requests that new rates and charges be authorized which will enable Petitioner to realize a proper and adequate utility operating income, maintain and support its credit, adequately service its outstanding securities, assure confidence in its financial soundness, allow Petitioner to earn a return equal to that available on other investments of comparable risk, and raise on fair and reasonable terms such amounts of additional capital as will be required to enable Petitioner to render safe, adequate, and continuous electric service to the public.”

I have read that CenterPoint’s Return on Equity, at 10.4%, was the highest of any investor-owned utility in Indiana and of any CenterPoint subsidiary utilities.

There are many ways to improve a company’s rate of return other than raising rates of customers. For instance, costs of lobbying, regulatory advocacy, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case, could be reduced. We, as customers should not be forced to pay for these costs.

Also, I understand that CenterPoint’s CEO’s compensation was \$88 million between 2017-2022, and was \$13.8 million in 2022. How can this be reconciled with high energy charges to customers that have a hard time paying their necessary bills?

In addition, please deny the proposed residential fixed charge increase. We have installed solar panels on our home to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to Climate Change. We attempt to minimize and conserve our use of electricity as much as possible. A high fixed charge reduces the effect of our efforts for energy efficiency and reduces control of our bill.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Janice Schrader

8355 Roberts Ridge Road

Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Jasmine Folz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jasmine F - I oppose the proposed Center Point Rate Hike
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:32:20 AM

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I am an average citizen with a small family and a modest home. Our average yearly income is in the 100 thousand ballpark, much above the median for this region. We struggle to wear enough clothes inside our home to stay warm enough in the winter. I cannot imagine living on a fixed income. This is creating hazardous and unsafe conditions for many people who are attempting to stay warm in our area this winter. People are using unsafe ways of heating their homes in attempts to stay warm. Families are choosing between warmth and food in many neighborhoods of our city. Please reject the most recent proposal for a rate hike. The rates that we pay are already disproportionate for this region.

Jasmine F
Evansville, IN
47710

From: [Jason Clodfelter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jason Clodfelter - CenterPoint Proposed Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:20:02 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to include my comments pursuant to CenterPoint Energy's proposed electrical base rate increase.

In principle, I wholeheartedly agree with the actions CenterPoint has taken in regards to their power generation and infrastructure. CenterPoint Energy, in Southern Indiana is in desperate need of improvements to their aging and progressively unreliable electrical infrastructure and generation. Additionally, as a major contributor of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, CenterPoint has an obligation to transition its electrical generation to more environmental and sustainable means.

However, NONE of these initiatives should be born by increased rates to CenterPoint customers. Infrastructure maintenance and improvements are inherently baked into electrical rates, and there should be no consideration for rate increases to CenterPoint for these issues.

Additionally, CenterPoint is in very good financial condition with absolutely no need for rate-payer assistance. Consider some recent available financial data:

- CenterPoint Energy annual revenue for 2022 was **\$9.321B**, a **11.6% increase** from 2021.
- CenterPoint Energy annual gross profit for 2022 was **\$6.23B**, a **3.54% increase** from 2021.
- CenterPoint Energy gross profit for the quarter ending June 30, 2023 was **\$1.538B**, a **4.27% increase** year-over-year.
- CenterPoint Energy 2022 annual EBITDA was **\$2.854B**, a **6.53% increase** from 2021.
- CenterPoint Energy EBITDA for the quarter ending June 30, 2023 was **\$0.729B**, a **7.52% increase** year-over-year.

Yet another consideration is the gross overcompensation of CenterPoint's CEO. CenterPoint Energy paid its CEO David Lesar a total of \$37.8 million in 2021, far exceeding executive pay at peer companies. Lesar made 366 times as much as the average CenterPoint employee!

It is also a well known fact that CenterPoint already charges among the highest, if not *the* highest, per kilowatt hour rates in the entire state of Indiana. Why would we entertain CenterPoint's request to widen that gap?

For the betterment of Southern Indiana and its residents, please encourage CenterPoint to continue strengthening their infrastructure and moving their electrical generation into the 21st century. But, please do not let CenterPoint (and its CEO) continue to benefit from ridiculous revenue and profits off the back of its ratepayers.

Thank you for your time.
Jason Clodfelter

From: [Jason Rice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jason Rice - RE: Proposed CenterPoint Rate Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:55:22 PM

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CenterPoint Energy being allowed to set up shop in Evansville was the single worst thing to happen to Southern Indiana utility customers in recorded history. Because they are the only provider in this area, they can get away with gouging consumers on prices and no one will lift a finger to do anything about it. The fact that the board who decides to approve/decline rate increases are neither elected nor impartial (every vote in recent history they have approved a rate increase) is highly suspicious. You would almost expect tactics like this from a Mafia organization rather than a business conglomerate. With CenterPoint, that is not too far from being the truth. And with every billing increase, they always have some excuse they give and hope we're stupid enough to believe it - the cost of buying energy or the cost of decommissioning older power stations or building new power stations. Who told them to do that?? Not me, that's for darn sure.

A lot of people are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic. With inflation rising steadily day by day, that is going to be an uphill battle. Low-income individuals/families such as myself feel the brunt of these rate increases the most. Being on fixed income, I do not have money to be paying out hand over fist every time they jack up the prices. January's bill was \$120, February's was \$151 and I just paid March's bill which was \$177. I tell you, I just about cried when I got the March bill. CenterPoint is so good about lying about billing increases they don't even have to think about it anymore. Back in December, I think it was, they said their customers would see a slight increase in the bill associated with maintenance and purchasing energy and whatnot. I expected maybe 10 or 12 dollars more on my bill, not twice or three times what it usually is. CenterPoint needs to be stopped from treating their customers this way or alternatives need to be looked into so that they are not the only game in town anymore because this can't keep happening.

From: [Debra & James Hayden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jim & Debbie Hayden - Center point energy electric rate case #45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:43:26 PM

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We are volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul Society of Evansville IN. We encounter weekly clients that are struggling financially whether to pay their electric bill or to put food on their table. We have many food pantries that can help supplement their food crisis, but no help with their Center point billing. We help out with donated monies from our individual parishes. We can only help with a portion of the bill. They can not afford nor can we afford an increase, it's high enough already. Please do not allow this rate increase.

Jim & Debbie Hayden
Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joseph William Kirchoff
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:26:16 AM

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Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: CenterPoint Energy Electrical Rate Case - Cause Number 45990

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in electrical rates by CenterPoint Energy. As a resident of Evansville, Indiana, I am deeply concerned about the disproportionate burden this increase would place on our Southern Indiana community, especially considering the unique circumstances surrounding our utility market.

It is important to recognize that CenterPoint Energy holds a monopoly in our Southern Indiana area, meaning that customers have no other utility options. This lack of competition leaves consumers vulnerable to arbitrary rate hikes without any recourse or alternative providers to turn to. As such, it is incumbent upon CenterPoint Energy to exercise responsible stewardship and ensure that any proposed rate increases are fair and justified.

Currently, Evansville residents and the greater Evansville metropolitan area already face significant challenges due to our city's economic landscape. Despite being the third-largest city in Indiana, Evansville's median income falls below the national average. According to recent data, our city's yearly median income lags behind the national median income, further exacerbating financial strain on households.

Adding to the financial burden, Indiana's minimum wage is among the lowest in the country, making it difficult for residents to make ends meet. Many individuals in our community struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living, and an increase in essential services like electricity only serves to deepen their financial hardships.

What's more concerning is that Evansville currently has the 19th highest electrical rates in the United States. For many residents, the cost of utilities rivals or even exceeds their mortgage payments. This reality is simply unsustainable and unjustifiable, particularly when considering the economic challenges facing our community.

It is crucial for CenterPoint Energy to recognize the impact of its proposed rate increase on Evansville residents and the other cities in Southern Indiana. Many of us are already stretched thin, unable to get ahead or catch up as the cost of living continues to rise. Increasing utility rates further compounds these challenges, pushing more families into financial insecurity and perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

As a responsible and accountable utility provider, CenterPoint must prioritize the well-being of its customers and explore alternative solutions to manage costs without burdening consumers. I urge the decision makers on the ruling of this case to reconsider the proposed rate increase and engage in transparent dialogue with the community to

address concerns and find equitable solutions.

In conclusion, I implore CenterPoint Energy to act in the best interests of Southern Indiana residents and refrain from imposing unjustified rate hikes. I encourage the judge and all those involved with the decision making of the ruling in this case to oppose it, and encourage CenterPoint to better prioritize their finances and not to place their monetary mis-organization upon the citizens of Southern Indiana. Our community deserves affordable and accessible utility services that do not perpetuate financial hardship or exacerbate existing inequalities that give them no options!

From: [Karen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: KC - CenterPoint Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:20:02 AM

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We older citizens on fixed incomes are the hardest hit by inflation. Yes, there was a raise in our Social Security payments. Here is an example of what that raise was. My Social Security monthly payment for 2024 is \$65.40 more per month than it was for 2023. \$65.40 per month is not very much.

As I evaluate my monthly budget comparing 2024 to 2023 these are the items that have gone up by the listed amounts.

Medicare supplement insurance \$32.92

Prescription insurance \$12.80

Auto insurance \$10.67

Garbage pickup \$9.59

Internet \$2.00 (Best Bargain)

These higher bills add up to \$67.98 a month added to my monthly expenses for this year.

In addition Better Homes and Gardens reports that groceries will cost 1.9% more in 2024 than they did in 2023.

Gasoline has also gone up in price. Nothing has one down in price.

What is not shown on here are the items that I have cut down on or canceled to lower my monthly expenses. I cancelled cable TV and moved to just internet and free streaming channels last year. I have cancelled all magazine subscriptions. I no longer go out to eat. I can afford to go out to eat. I eat at home every day because it's cheaper. Even cooking for myself, I have had to made changes to cut costs. I buy cheaper cuts of meat. AND although I live alone I buy ground beef and chicken breast in bulk or large family size packages because the per pound price is cheaper and I make use of my freezer. I very diligently shop the marked down meat section of the grocery. I do all of this in an effort to stay within my budget.

I also have changed the way I use heat and air conditioning in my home. I keep my winter thermostat set at 66. In the summer it is set at 74 or 75. Both of these are uncomfortable for me. The summer settings are more than uncomfortable. It's also unhealthy because of my asthma and allergies.

If this rate hike goes through, I don't know what else I can give up to make ends meet.

KC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Judy Titzer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Titzer - Too high utility bill.
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:44:47 AM

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Like every one I heard speak at Old National Events Plaza my utility bill has doubled over past year with two year old efficient furnace and air conditioning, new efficient refrigerator and installed tankless hot water heater. My husband and I are able to pay now. The people I answer the phone for at St Vincent de Paul coordinators office cannot pay. Many are asking for help for the first time ever and an increase would only put these people in a much worse situation. And I hear from our neighbors we were first on the list that Center Point told the neighbor to call.

Please reject the requested increase by Center Point.

Judy Titzer
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Elpers
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:33:08 PM

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IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CenterPoint Energy is again requesting another rate increase resulting in considerable hardship on my husband and me along with thousands of middle and lower class homeowners. We are paying the highest rates in IN - more than the northeast part of the state and Indianapolis. As long as they are always granted their rate requests, they will keep asking. Please say "NO" to this rate increase.

I volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul and most of the requests I receive are for assistance with their Centerpoint bill.

They tell me Centerpoint told them to call St. Vincent de Paul when they cannot pay their bill. At some time our generous donors (parishioners) will be unable to donate so they can pay their own CenterPoint bill.

Also, trying to conserve energy does no good because then CenterPoint revenue declines and they have to ask for an increase in rates. We have LED lights, turn our thermostat down to 62 deg at night and 67 during the day, and try to conserve as best we can.

Please say "NO" this time. Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Yearwood
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:52:47 AM

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Utilities: Cause No. 45990, CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: As a customer of CenterPoint Energy I would like to submit the following comments as both a residential consumer and a small farm operator.

For 25+ years I have lived two miles due west of the AB Brown generating station here in Mount Vernon, Indiana. I have expanded the 900 square foot footprint of the original 1943 home to a modest 1,800 square feet and added a pole barn both with top of mind considerations to energy efficiency.

A flat service fee approach for cost recovery is not equitable, consumers making daily choices towards energy efficiency should be rewarded for those choices by rate adjustments being limited to actual usage. The current service charge average approximately 13% of the electrical usage for my primary residence. And while the proposed increase in service fee and rate would keep that % split in step, it would disproportionately impact energy efficient households.

I have a separate meter for my pole barn. I am semi-retired and operate a small cut flower/culinary herb/vegetable farm serving consumers within 60 miles of my farm. The barn was intentionally oriented to place the long side south facing to capture radiant heat efficient during cool months. I installed overhead doors on the east and west ends for increased ventilation efficiency in warm months. It houses my equipment and serves as the processing facility for all products I sell. I use drip irrigation to minimize both the use of water as well as electricity to pump the water. Again, the service fee approach to cost recovery penalizes the numerous initiatives to reduce energy consumption and save natural resources as a small business owner.

If we do not stand to stop the progress to applying a lump sum service fee recovery mindset we will never create a consumption wise wise consumer as their efforts will not be reward.

I appreciate your consideration of my personal opinion to stop the service fee recovery increases.

From: [Katie Greenwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katie E. Greenwell - Centerpoint Rate Increase- Written Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:49:49 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. My name is Katie Greenwell and I am a life-long resident of the west side of Evansville, as well as a customer of Centerpoint for 14 years. I am writing you today to contest the new bill/case/Cause No. 45990. There is not a single valid reason to raise the Centerpoint energy rates. Families in Evansville are struggling enough as it is. Raising Centerpoint rates will make conditions unliveable for families and individuals already scrounging up everything they can trying to afford receiving the basic amenities necessary to function in today's world and that they simply require as a human right.

Nikola Tesla found a way everyone could have it for free. Yet, we have a greedy corporate monster in charge of delivering basics to us. Sure, you have to pay your employees, insurance, supplies, etc. That's perfectly fine and reasonable. However, salaries exposed shows not only are they well paid, but overpaid. To do what exactly? This is unacceptable. Bigger fancier buildings do not need to be built. Corporate leaders do not need an extra \$118 billion a year to sit cozy in their mansion while us families at home struggle to work enough hours just to pay to keep our lights on or heat our home that we don't even get to spend enough time in to enjoy it. We are wrapped up on paying these bills because we are being forced to have the services, whether we want them or not, with no alternative to choose from.

I would very much like to know who the "donate to share the warmth" money goes to. I can assure you as a single mother who has spent much of her time on the poverty level, I have never received any assistance from this program when I was struggling, even though I am asked to donate to it everytime I pay my bill. I have asked many of people whom I talk to daily, and not a single one of them or anyone they know have received assistance from this program either.

What is the purpose of the delivery service fee? I'd like to know what you are delivering? Even if you shut someone's electric off, you take days to turn it back on at the flip of a switch. I have stayed home from work all day waiting for someone more than once and no one showed. It was turned back on from your digital source. There was no person delivering any service. Electricity should be turned back on for families IMMEDIATELY after payment is received and no new deposit should be required whenever all information is already there and bills have been paid. How about the wires that have been dangling to the ground that I've had to zip tie up in the yard my children play in, which the company has neglected and keeps passing the buck on so they don't have to mess with it, regardless of the hazard it poses to the families living there? I'm not seeing any delivery or services there either. My usage is lower than last year and my son and I are hardly home. Everything is off. The temperature is down lower than before. Yet, my bill is higher. Why? Because the delivery service fee and other random fees make up 75% of my bill. These need to be abolished. Many of us work as much as we can, living paycheck to paycheck, because our Centerpoint bill is so high, taking large chunks of our hard-earned money so a corporate tycoon can suck up as much money as he can,

just because he can. Unacceptable.

Budget bill is an absolute joke. Centerpoint says they will give you money back, but just steals more money in this manner, saying it is "to compensate for larger bills." Larger bills were charged in the winter merely to make this seem so. Not once have I ever seen in person, or on camera, a Centerpoint employee come to read a meter in my area (circle back to "delivery service fee"). Not just assuming "reading them with wifi" is accurate, but using an actual person to read the numbers. Centerpoint is practically making up numbers at this point. No one should have to pay \$300 a month because one winter bill might be \$350 out of the \$150 that was charged the other 11 months out of the year.

Evansville is in the top highest rates list for energy bills in America. Little old Evansville. Impossible. The only reason Centerpoint gets away with these atrocities is because they are a MONOPOLY, using the loophole of "there's just no competition." This is illegal and immoral. This needs to change and be stopped immediately. Centerpoint should be ashamed of themselves.

I, and all people of Evansville, protest to the unnecessary raising of rates of our energy bills. In addition, immediate action should be taken to lower and better manage the rates and all delivery service fees or "miscellaneous fees" should be removed. Only accurate and livable rates should be charged, as well as fair competition be brought to the area.

Thank you for your time.
Katie E. Greenwell

From: [Sandi Render](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: eholcomb@gov.in.gov; mayor@evanville.in.gov; h76@iga.in.gov; commissioners@vanderburghgov.org; [Rivera, Olivia](#)
Subject: Ken and Sandi Render - Center Point Energy Proposed Rate Hike
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:04:25 PM

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Office of Utility Consumer Counselor,

As you know the Mission Statement of the Indiana I.R.C. states that they are an advocate of neither the public nor the utilities. The Commission is required by state statutes to make decisions in the public interest to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

In our opinion, there is no reason for an I.R.C. at all because publicly traded companies, like Center Point (CNP), should never abuse, rape, pillage, or take advantage of their customers, like what is happening here in Southern Indiana.

What is just about having Southern Indiana paying the highest utility rate in Indiana for the past 16 years? We all pay and are still paying for Lucas Oil Stadium and the Hoosier Dome! Southern Indiana gets few benefits from those venues. Indianapolis gets majority of that benefit.

Now the people in Southern Indiana are suffering from the inability of the State to provide just and reasonable utility service to our area. Since the state has not been able to accomplish the just and reasonable portions of the I.R.C. Mission Statement, we feel that the governor and/or legislature needs to correct the situation down here by rebating credits on the monthly bills of all Center Point Energy customers. This should cover the overages charged to consumers for the past 16 years. These overages occurred every year and they were allowed to continue by the actions of the I.R.C. in approving consistent rate hikes for SIGEGO, VECTREN, and now Center Point Energy. This allowed these utilities to put profit over people and that should never happen. We feel the only answer is to provide Southern Indiana with utility competition or consumer compensation.

Southern Indiana has a history of being abused and raped by the political NORTH and is looked upon as a step-child. We should be treated as equals. We need all parties involved in this issue to realize that Larry Bird and people of Southern Indiana are not just Hicks. We should all be treated justly and reasonably. The justly and reasonably has not been happening for the people of Southern Indiana!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ken and Sandi Render

From: [Paula Chika](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paula Eastmond - Proposed Center Point rate increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:05:51 PM

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Dear Committee members,

I am a disabled and retired consumer who lives in a senior 55+ facility. My utility bill was \$90 and some change in December of 2024. My bill was over \$232 and some change in January 2024. It more than doubled. I have lived at 5506 Great Lakes Dr. North in Evansville since 2022. My electric bill has never been this high.

I keep my thermostat on 65 degrees because I can't afford it to be higher in the winter. In the summer, I keep my thermostat on 76 to avoid high bills. Again my energy bills have never been as high as it was in January 2024.

I am disabled with a lot of medical issues. I have Diastolic Heart failure, Osteoarthritis I'm my hips and right knee. Keeping it cold does not help me. I stay cold. I have to wrap up with blankets to stay warm. I will now have to lower my thermostat to 60 degrees due to the high center point bills. I have medications that have high costs. My Breo for my asthma costs me \$136 dollars a month. Jardiance for my heart failure and Diabetes costs \$163 a month. That does not include my other medications that I take.

I'm on a Medicare advantage plan. I spend most of the year in the donut hole. Therefore, my medications are higher. Because I get a disability check and a state pension check, I make too much money to get assistance but not enough to live with the high prices of food, medications in the donut hole, and the high costs of Center Point. I do not even qualify for their utility assistance programs. Who will help me when I can't pay my bill?

Center Point can move to cleaner energy without passing the entire cost to us, the customers. They are making millions of dollars off of us. My lights will briefly go off for a few minutes on any given day. It has been this way since I moved here. Why do I have to pay more for less. I pay too much as it is. I have worked for 25 years serving the people of Indiana to ensure people with disabilities were safe in group homes and large facilities. I advocated for them to be treated right. Now I am advocating for myself. I should have the right as someone who is disabled and elderly to live in a warm environment without freezing because I can't afford my utility bill.

Center Point does not need such a high price hike. Please Mam, please sir hear my cry and help me and the people of Evansville. I still have to pay taxes on my pension check and part of my disability check. That can't be changed, but letting the big utility companies rob us blind can be stopped. If they have to have an increase, please limit it to a reasonable amount. I prefer you to vote no! I pray you all make the right decision for the people. If I qualified for help, maybe it would not matter, but I don't. I need your help!

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Eastmond 812-568-4687

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Subject: John Rich
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:54:24 PM

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Comments: Cause No. 45990

Hello,

I am writing to state I am against the rate hike for CenterPoint in southwestern Indiana, including my home city of Evansville, IN. The rates are already a significant burden on our neighbors who are low-income or even moderate-income. Utility rates are a major barrier to housing people currently experiencing homelessness. I have personally talked with people for whom high utility costs were a major factor in causing them to lose their housing. Even if people manage to pay their utility bills, they are often sacrificing buying other necessities, such as food and medicine, in order to afford their electricity and other utilities. This is unconscionable.

Evansville, Indiana median income is \$49,853 according to US Census data.

According to the Dept of Energy, spending greater than 6% of income is a high energy burden. Spending greater than 10% is a severe energy burden.

6% of the median income annually is \$2,991.18.

CenterPoint current rate for 862 KWH is \$160.21 as of Feb. 2024 and for 655 therms is \$1004.04. Total annual energy cost is \$2,926.56 based on those usage rates. Just under the 6% of annual median income.

Based on CenterPoint's filings and public statements, residents on average use 799 kwh per month and 655 Therms per year. Making the average customer bill \$200 per month for electricity or \$2,400.00 per year and \$1,004.04 for gas cost. The yearly total of \$3,404.04 is well over the 6% of the median income of Evansville, Indiana residents.

That is just for customers who use the "CenterPoint" stated average amounts.

The rate hike puts Evansville, IN residents at a high energy burden with electric and natural gas.

According to the Doxo 2023 U.S. Household Spending: Utility Industry Report Evansville, IN is the 19th most expensive City by yearly Utility Cost. However, Evansville's Median Household Income ranks 795th in the U.S. We are already being asked to pay the same utility rates as some of the most expensive markets in the county, but without the high incomes that many residents of those areas earn. The disparity is stark and egregious.

As I understand it, these rate hikes are mainly being proposed in order to guarantee CenterPoint stockholders' rate of return on their investment. The CEO of CenterPoint Energy made over \$37 Million in compensation last year. All of this while people are literally becoming homeless and going without lifesaving medications due to high utility costs. This is unconscionable.

Please vote against this greedy and destructive rate hike. Please vote for our neighbors and fellow citizens whose lives and health will be endangered by this terrible proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rev. John Rich, RN, BSN

From: [Lauren Kern](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lauren Kern - CenterPoint Utility rate increase Concern
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 9:10:26 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing as I am unable to attend the upcoming public hearing scheduled for the anticipated rising cost of utility fees from CenterPoint Energy. Cost of living prices continue to rise and the utility rates are already amongst the highest in the country.

Another funding model must be used. Rates cannot be increased at this pace. CenterPoint needs to find better efficiency, investment, and long term planning to meet the needs affordably. As long as the Indiana commission continues to approve these rate hikes, Hoosiers will suffer.

I also serve on the boards of a couple non-profit groups that serve the community in a variety of ways that will need to increase their fees or figure out new funding streams to literally keep the lights on. This is a shame and making volunteers roles more difficult than it needs to be.

Our community deserves better from CenterPoint and from the IN Utilities Commission.

Thank you,
Lauren Kern
Wadesville, IN resident

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From: moristar1@aol.com
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Subject: Mandy Rodenberg - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:33:44 PM

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To whom this concerns,

I would like to ask you to oppose this new rate hike for CenterPoint.

I was one of the many in the crowd at the hearing last night, yes I too was there till nearly 11pm. I am not a public speaker, but wanted to be there to give my support to my community. I want to make certain that is is clear that this new rate hike will devastate an already struggling low income community. I don't want to be on assistance programs. I make good consumer choices and shouldn't have to be on assistance. This new rate hike though will make my already unpredictable bills even harder to manage. I have a dual income household, I own my own home. I shouldn't need to rely on non profits to pay my living expences.

Please deny this rate increase and advocate for us in future rate increases. The people of Evansville are already struggling with the high bills already. We can't take it anymore.

Thank you,

Mandy Rodenberg

Dear OVCC.

The meeting on CenterPoint Energy
in Evansville on Thurs. 29th. It
was an eye opener to me. It
showed me how greedy Center
Point is. They cleared millions
at our expense. And now
want to do the same again
Well we are fed up and at a
breaking point and needing
help. Its time our election
official get off their bottoms
and stand up and give us
the help we are begging for.
They need to find a way to
stop this raping and
holding us hostage no longer.
The greed of CenterPoint is hurting
ever costumer in their service.
Help us I beg of you.

Yours. Betty Rainey

From: [Marcia Forston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcia Forston - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:48:24 PM

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To Whom It May Concern –

Junior Achievement envisions a world in which young people have the skillset and mindset to live choice-filled lives and build thriving communities. CenterPoint Energy, and Vectren before it, have been decades-long critical and valued partners in the success of delivering Junior Achievement’s important mission across our region. Not only has CenterPoint provided much needed funding to support our work, individuals from their organization have served countless hours as board members lending their valuable expertise and leadership, in the classroom mentoring the next generation of leaders, and as volunteers supporting our experiential learning opportunities outside the classroom. Like all the many, many organizations they support, we are grateful for the unwavering commitment of community partners like CenterPoint who deeply care for our region and the people who live here.

Sincerely,
Marcia Forston

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From: [Marcia Holder](#)
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Subject: Marcia Holder - Centerpoint rate increase 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:26:03 PM

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Good Afternoon,

In regard to the proposed rate increase that was requested by Centerpoint energy. I am deeply opposed to this rate increase. The utility enjoys billions of dollars in revenue each year at the cost of the consumer. In Southwest Indiana we have some of the poorest in all of Indiana, we cannot afford our bills as they are right now, with the riders, and the trackers and the fees that have been added on to simple usage.

Their CEO is one of the highest paid in the country and that's just his salary not to mention his billions in bonuses. I understand that shareholder owned utilities are there to make a profit? Well, I think Centerpoint is making enough of a profit off of the backs of Indiana consumers!

When, or possibly a better question would be why did having a utility go from being a necessity to being a luxury in southern Indiana? Utilities are not meant to be luxuries. They are not Gucci bags. They are not Jimmy Choo shoes. They are not PlayStations or Camaros. They are a Necessity!!!

Nonprofits in our area that assist some of the poorest in our communities are tapped out. They have no more to give! Trustees offices, churches, Cape, Township offices, Salvation Army, They cannot keep up with the deluge of requests that they receive daily from people just trying to pay their bill.

The elderly and the disabled, the ones that are on fixed incomes, they cannot afford this rate increase. Is it going to take an elderly person or a disabled person dying of hypothermia in their home with five blankets on them, and their thermostat set at 50 in order for someone to get the message that enough is enough. Or dying of heat exhaustion when they can no longer afford to run their air conditioner in the summer?

Please remember when you're voting, utilities were NEVER meant to be a luxury! Please vote NO!

Thank you,

Marcia Holder

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Cause No 45990

Tom Donnelly
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The requested rate increase by Centerpoint Energy is unjustified and should be resoundingly rejected.

When you have a legalized monopoly there is no initiative to control the increase of costs and there is no need to be concerned with effectively reducing costs. Any real company that operates in a competitive environment is forced to be concerned with cost control. That is not the case of Centerpoint. Any and all expenses are simply added up and included in the next rate increase request.

You continue to rubber stamp the rate increase requests with little regard for the economic cost to both residential and commercial Centerpoint customers that have no other choices as we are bound by one provider. The proposed rate increases will reduce the growth rate of the area and will curtail investment in manufacturing, retail, and home building industries. Increased costs of energy provided by Centerpoint is not able to be passed on by commercial customers in the cost of their products and is not affordable except by the most affluent residential customers in the Evansville, southwestern general area.

If I was to open a manufacturing business in an area serviced by Centerpoint or by Duke Energy, I would select the area serviced by Duke Energy. It comes down to cost of operation and quality of service. Neither are a strength of Centerpoint Energy.

Any time we see white Vectren trucks, automobiles, or pickup trucks on the roads driving we all know our rates are going to be increasing. The office building down on the river and the huge number of employees as well as

numerous consultants and contractors is inflated and cost-ineffective. When your overhead costs can rise without constraint and costs can be routinely recovered by yet another rate increase, there is no need for a legalized monopoly like Centerpoint to perform any cost cutting activities.

You seriously need to investigate and thoroughly understand the Centerpoint Corporation overhead charges allocated to the various divisions of Centerpoint. In particular, those allocated to the local energy producing facility. I guarantee there are inordinate amount allocated, burdening that facility with an undue amount that is included in the current rate increase demand.

One of the most common jokes in Evansville are the three biggest focuses for Centerpoint – We love our lobbyists because they bribe and grease the palms of all the politicians so we can get all our rate increases through legislation. We have to have all our attorneys (to protect our assets and bail us out when we mess up). God Bless those accountants , they count all the piles of our money!

From: [Erin Hempfling](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Erin Hempfling - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:53:10 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Erin Hempfling
3104 E Cherry St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Erin Hempfling](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Erin Hempfling - DENY Cause Number #45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:17:09 AM

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To whom it may concern: I am a CenterPoint South electric ratepayer living in Evansville, Indiana, and I am writing on behalf of myself and my family as well as my community at large.

In the weeks leading up CenterPoint's rate case hearing, I received multiple emails from CenterPoint touting itself as a "beacon for positive change" in our community and iterations thereof.

This self-positioning stands in stark contrast to reality. It used to be that small talk among strangers turned to the weather—in Evansville, it turns to our utility bills or thermostat settings—what a sad, strange point of unity. The last time I was at Target, for instance, the cashier who helped me mentioned that her last CenterPoint bill was nearly \$900. Unfortunately, that wasn't a unique conversation.

In these conversations, my family has been called "lucky" because the bills in our small 1940s brick home rarely top \$300. To achieve this, we set our thermostat at 60 degrees overnight in the winter. It's also 60 degrees during the day when I'm the only one home during my workday. (Tip: Fingerless gloves don't impede typing!) We splurge and raise it to a "toasty" 66 in the evenings so that we don't freeze during showers. We spend the winters with plastic over windows and doors and spend a lot of time under blankets with hot drinks. In the summer, we try not to turn on the A/C until it hits 80-82 indoors. We're not lucky. We're *uncomfortable*. But these are the steps we have to take to manage our bill and our budget.

So, there is nothing "positive" about CenterPoint's request to raise our electric bills by nearly \$50 per month. In fact, this request reflects a callous disregard for our community. This increase will force people with low and fixed incomes—including families with children and seniors—to make life-or-death financial decisions: Do we eat or keep the lights on? Do we pay for our prescriptions, or keep our groceries safe and cold?

Some of us will face decisions that are less dire, but still impactful, both personally and to the local economy: Every extra dollar extracted by CenterPoint is one less dollar we have to support the local restaurants and small businesses owned by our neighbors. We'll cut back on recreational expenses, like memberships to the zoo or Wesselmann Woods. Our kids will forgo opportunities and extracurriculars because we can't afford the fees or supplies.

It's even worse that CenterPoint is disproportionately placing this rate increase on the

shoulders of a residential rate base with a median household income under \$50,000 and a poverty rate approaching—and in many neighborhoods, exceeding—20%, rather than large, corporate industrial customers who not only have more revenue, but consume a higher share of energy. Furthermore, the increase in monthly fixed charges is especially inequitable for people with low incomes.

While there is occasional assistance available, our local nonprofits are already stretched thin due to record demand for help with utility bills, and the \$100-200 they can offer a household each *year* barely makes a dent in a single *month's* bills. These same nonprofits do, of course, receive some funding from CenterPoint's foundation—money that cannot be applied to utility assistance and that puts organizations in a very tough spot when it comes to speaking up for their clients and their financial realities.

I find it especially frustrating that CenterPoint has long enjoyed the highest return on equity of all the investor-owned utilities in Indiana, contributing to the company's \$1 billion in profits in 2022. It seems that CenterPoint, its exorbitantly paid CEO, and its shareholders, rather than myself and my neighbors, are well-positioned to foot the bill for the company's operating expenses and upgrades. People who can barely afford home internet should not be subsidizing CenterPoint's cloud computing costs.

I'm curious if CenterPoint executives know what it's like to explain to a child why they have to put a second pair of socks on. I'm curious if they, too, spend their workdays either freezing or sweating. I'm curious if they've ever felt a pang of guilt for raising the thermostat 1-2 degrees, as though it's a personal weakness that you just *can't* be this cold any longer. I'm curious if needless expenses—such as the salary for the person responsible for tooting CenterPoint's horn, so to speak, in my inbox—could be better applied toward reducing our bills. *Why* does a utility with a captive ratepayer base need to advertise?

We've already paid the highest electric bills in the state since 2008, and many of us were further affected by the utility's obscene increase in gas distribution charges in 2021. The residents of southwestern Indiana have tightened our proverbial belts as much as we can. At some point, enough HAS to be enough. This company is breaking us, and we deserve better from them and from our state.

I'm asking that you put yourself in the shoes of the good, hard-working people of this community and deny this unjust and unaffordable request. Thank you for your consideration, Erin Hempfling Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Joab Schultheis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joab Schultheis - Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:22:58 AM

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Centerpoint Electric Rate Case
Cause No. 45990

My name is Joab Schultheis. I live in Evansville and am a residential electric customer of Centerpoint.

When I look at the amount of this proposed rate increase, which by any measure is excessive, I think about Centerpoint customers who have lived with the highest electric rates in the state for well over a decade. Many of these households already struggle to pay their electric bills. These include working families, the elderly who want to age in place, and low income folks who are doing all they can just to get by. How will these people deal with an average increase of \$47/month? And that average increase will be \$63/month for electric heating customers. What necessities will they do without to keep the lights on?

I recently talked with a friend who moved to Evansville a number of years ago from a nearby county. She really likes living here except for the high electric bills. I don't think her sentiments are unique.

Centerpoint has the highest return on equity of any investor-owned utility in Indiana. But ratepayers should also get a good return, and affordable electricity is a big part of that. This rate increase would have ratepayers bear the costs of Centerpoint's misguided decisions to continue investing in aging coal plants instead of renewables and strong energy efficiency initiatives. The price of those decisions should also be borne by investors.

I also want to comment on a specific part of the rate increase, which is Centerpoint's desire not just to be compensated for investments in cloud computing, but to make money from that. I worked in information technology for 25 years. For more than a decade public and private sector organizations have migrated on-site computing workloads to the cloud and implemented new technology solutions in the cloud. It's a very common and ordinary thing for an organization to do. The idea that purchasing cloud computing services should turn into a profit center paid for by ratepayers is inappropriate, and again, excessive.

In closing, I urge you to reject this proposed rate increase. It's excessive and it will be punishing to ratepayers, many of whom are already burdened with high energy costs.

Joab Schultheis
Evansville, IN

From: [sharon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Hofman - Re: Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:28:08 PM

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To whom this concerns,

It's very hard to make ends meet as it is without more price gouging. If I recall correctly, around sometime during the epidemic, they raised the cost and said they'd look at it again in Oct or Nov and possibly lower the rates at that time. Of course I was certain they wouldn't make good., and they didn't. It wasn't even brought up.

It's unfortunate that with costs rising with just food alone and being 1 senior citizen, I can barely pay for my groceries. I mean, my rent went up over\$100, food is out of control, you get my meaning. I know you think it's not your problem. But we as Hoosiers just can't have anything else raised. Plus, in general, someone has to lead the way and do the right thing for our community. It only takes 1 good company (will you be the leaders? Or followers) to make the first in hopefully a long list of businesses do the right and humane thing for our community.

I know my kids have their children to take care of and they are having a hard time. It's not just seniors, but the seniors ARE on fixed incomes which does make it so much more difficult to make ends meet.

This price hike will hurt the community and it affects everyone in the community. Do right by your whole community and for the time being, let this be at least one thing we don't have to add right now. This is so stressful and it will just make a terrible impact on Evansville and the surrounding communities like Newburgh. We need someone big in the community to stand up and stand out to be one business trying to make a difference for all of us. It will go a long way when getting the trust of us all, even if you don't think you need it, you will in the long run.

Please do the honest and right thing and don't do this right now. We need someone we can trust to help out our community right now.

Be the ones to set the example. Show other businesses that we need to take care of everyone, not just the bottom line. Help us get things back in order and let's help everyone with this.

Please, please, I beg of you not to do this at this time so we can at least get a little bit of time where we don't have to worry about yet another price hike. It's just too much.

Respectfully,
Ms. Sharon Hofman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Shaun Sapp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shaun Sapp - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:24:52 PM

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Cause number 45990

My name is Shaun Sapp and I'm a Centerpoint customer in Vanderburgh County. I'm writing this letter to beg for your disapproval of the proposed rate increase that Centerpoint has asked for to recoup costs related to past improvements.

First off, those improvements were made under a different owner. Vectren made those improvements with the profits from their customers backs. Centerpoint bought Vectren based off of those profits which were clearly favorable and enough. Vectren didn't ask for any extra rate increases to cover whatever improvements Centerpoint thinks they are entitled to because their profit margin was enough.

Secondly, we pay not only the highest rates in the state, but the highest by a wide margin, almost double and sometimes more depending on which company in the state you are comparing to.

Thirdly, since Centerpoint has taken over, they have asked for multiple rate increases to cover their costs related to future improvements that we neither asked for or wanted. The IURC has rolled over and granted every single rate increase they have asked for.

No business besides this utility monopoly gets a guaranteed rate of return on their investments with zero risk. Yet that's exactly what Centerpoint is asking for. They want the tax payers to take all the risk out of their business and grant them a guaranteed return. An ever-increasing rate of return. All the while, their CEO made 36 million dollars last year which was far higher than other CEO's of other major utility providers. The company itself made 9 billion dollars, while average citizens couldn't afford their already exorbitant energy bills. And now they are asking for a 25% increase on top of what people cannot afford. No one's wages have increased 25% even in the last 10 years, yet Centerpoint thinks they are entitled to that over a 3 year period. They have asked for constant rate increases in one fashion or another whether it be Vectren or Centerpoint year after year and the IURC has rolled over like a bitch in heat every single time. You're either corrupt or incompetent. Please stand up for what is right for your constituents this time and deny this rate increase completely. Stand for the people and just say NO. DO NOT COMPROMISE, do not give them one percent of increase.

Thank you,

Shaun Sapp

From: [nathan flint](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nathan Flint - Centerpoint Energy noncompetitive rates
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:50:21 PM

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My name is Nathan Flint, I am a customer of centerpoint energy. I am writing this letter to complain about the unreasonable electric rates we pay in Southwest Indiana under Centerpoint Energy. It seems anytime CP energy requests a rate hike they are approved. The excuse is always they have to make upgrades to comply with EPA.

I understand they need to make a profit and I have no problem with that. What I do have a problem with is that they are charging a higher rate for residential than most of the country from my research approx 50% higher. Why can't Centerpoint be around the national average and why do the governor appointed nonelected utility commissioners always approve Centerpoint's rate increases?

Again they always use the excuse that they need to do upgrades to comply. That is not a good excuse when all the other electric companies across the nation have to comply with the same EPA rules and regulations and on average charge much less, how do they do it?

I am fed up with Centerpoint and The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission not looking out for the best interests of Indiana residents.

IURC do your job! It's a bad look. We the people are on to the bureaucrats doing favors for corporate interests over serving citizens to get a high paying job at one of the companies they are supposed to be regulating.

From: [Shawn J. Gourley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Gourley - Re: Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:49:37 PM

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Correction to previous email. Cause No. 45990

At the proposed rate increase at 1,000 KWH usage per month and 655 Therms per year which is average usage this will cost \$337.07 a month/\$4,044.88 a year for gas and electric.

For a family who earns \$31,200 gross annually \$25,620 after tax. The rate increase will cost 16% of income based on average use rates.

For a family who earns \$41,600 gross a year annually \$31,815 after tax. The rate increase will cost 12.5% of income based on average use rates.

For a family who earns the median income of \$49,853 gross annually \$37,544.05 after tax. The rate increase will cost 10.5% of income based on average use rates.

All of these rates put a severe energy burden on all families living in CenterPoint South service area.

The rate increase is unjust and unaffordable to all families. Please completely deny the request to raise rates.

On Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 10:18 PM Shawn J. Gourley <militarywithptsd@gmail.com> wrote:
Cause No. 45990

At the proposed rate at 1,000 KWH usage per month and 655 Therms per year. Will cost \$337.07 a month/\$5,04.88 a year.

For a family who earns \$31,200 gross annually \$25,620 after tax. The rate increase will cost 20% of income based on average use rates.

For a family who earns \$41,600 gross a year annually \$31,815 after tax. The rate increase will cost 16% of income based on average use rates.

For a family who earns the median income of \$49,853 gross annually \$37,544.05 after tax. The rate increase will cost 14% of income based on average use rates.

All of these rates put a severe energy burden on all families living in CenterPoint South

service area.

The rate increase is unjust and unaffordable to all families. Please completely deny the request to raise rates.

On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 11:07 AM Shawn J. Gourley <militarywithptsd@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to state I am against the rate hike for Centerpoint in Evansville, IN. Cause No. 45990

The rate increase does not address affordability in Centerpoint filings. Or I should say affordability in relation to customer income and what is considered a high and/or severe energy burden to its customers. While numerous testimony submissions by Centerpoint address “affordability “ in their rate increase filing, even stating “they have endeavored to keep customer bills from rising too quickly” It is clear that Centerpoint does not take customer income into consideration. The problem here is that while Centerpoint thinks they are making an effort to address affordability, the rate increase creates a high to severe energy burden on customers. If residents start moving out of Evansville because they cannot pay the current rates, then Centerpoint has spent a lot of money for no reason. While it is important to switch to cheaper energy, this must be done at a pace that customers can afford.

Evansville, Indiana median income is \$49,853 according to US Census data.

According to the Dept of Energy, spending greater than 6% of income is a high energy burden. Spending greater than 10% is a severe energy burden.

6% of the median income annually is \$2,991.18.

Centerpoint current rate for 862 KWH is \$160.21 as of Feb. 2024 and for 655 therms is \$1004.04. Total annual energy cost is \$2,926.56 based on those usage rates. Just under the 6% of annual median income.

Based on Centerpoint’s filings and public statements, residents on average use 799 kwh per month and 655 Therms per year. Making the average customer bill \$200 per month for electricity or \$2,400.00 per year and \$1,004.04 for gas cost. The yearly total of \$3,404.04 is well over the 6% of the median income of Evansville, Indiana residents. That is just for customers who use the “Centerpoint”stated average amounts.

The rate hike puts Evansville, IN residents at a high energy burden with electric and natural gas.

For some it will be at the severe burden level. Particularly those who on average use 1,000 KWH per month. Which up until this rate increase request is what Centerpoint called a “typical customer”Just electric would cost \$3,036.00 annually.

All of this is based on customers making at least the median income. For those that make \$15.00 an hour or gross annually \$31,200. The current rates already are at a severe energy burden and the proposed rates are even worse. For a typical customer using 1,000 KWH per month and 655 therms per year The energy burden jumps to 13%.

For the same customer making \$31,200 annually that average usage is 1,000 kwh and 1,000 Therms a year the energy burden is 17.6%

Even for those making the annual median income, the rate increase for a customer using 1,000 kwh per month and 1,000 Therms annually puts the energy burden at 11%.

In August 2020 Indianapolis Star reported that Hoosier with incomes 75% of the federal poverty were spending 12% of their income on energy. Versus a family that earns \$75,000 spent on average only 2% of their income on energy bills.

According to Indianapolis Star what Hoosiers pay is more than other Midwestern states. For example, in Illinois a family at the 75% federal poverty line will spend 9.2% of income on energy.

According to the Doxo 2023 U.S. Household Spending: Utility Industry Report Evansville, IN is the 19th most expensive City by yearly Utility Cost. When taking the 379 cities listed in the Utilities Market/Spend by U.S. Cities (with population of 40k+) and ordering them from most expensive to least expensive by cost per year, Evansville, IN. is 19th in 2023 with an average cost of \$459 per month in utility cost.

Evansville Water Dept states the average usage monthly is 5,000 gallons which comes to \$151.88 a month for water and sewer. Once you subtract that amount from the monthly amount of \$459 that leaves \$307 a month for energy bills.

After applying the rate increase to the \$307 average bill, Evansville Indiana would move into the top spot and become the most expensive city by utility cost per year based on this report. Evansville, IN is the only city in the Top 20 cities with a median income of less than \$50,000.

However, Centerpoint does not appear to be concerned for the amount customers can afford based on income levels in southern Indiana. CenterPoint has the highest rate on return of all Indiana Investor Owned Utilities at 10.4%. Centerpoint could reduce the rate on return to 9.9%

Centerpoint is also very quick to increase customer rates and to have customers cover expenses that may have a different opportunity to have covered. For example Storm Uri Natural Gas price increase. It does not appear that Centerpoint even considered other avenues to recoup the excessively high cost of natural gas during Winter Storm Uri. In numerous filings with the IURC, Centerpoint states they have a long term fixed price purchase contract for natural gas pricing from Nov. 2018 to Oct 2023 not to exceed \$3.25 per Dth. As well as an additional long-term fixed pricing from April 2019 through March 2024 for \$3.25 per Dth. So one must ask if Centerpoint had a contract for Fixed pricing, why the contract was not enforced during Winter Storm Uri.

Arkansas Oklahoma Gas, a small utility company with a little over 13,000 customers

sued BP over breach of contract based on their long term fixed gas price agreement and won \$18 million. That gas company could have recovered their cost through the customers however, decided to try and minimize the effects on their customers. Centerpoint could have attempted to protect it's gas customers based on their long-term fixed price contract but did not. Instead they passed the cost off to customers in Southern Indiana very quickly.

While there is no guarantee that the cost would have been covered or prior to the ruling in the Arkansas Oklahoma Gas court case that Centerpoint would have won a court case, at least they would have tried. Thus far all southern Indiana residents see is that the Centerpoint and the CEO are making millions, while we struggle to keep up with the \$2,900-\$4,000 yearly energy cost.

Perhaps the most egregious act in all of this by Centerpoint their lack of knowledge of Indiana law. Indiana defines poverty as a form of child neglect, citing a parent's inability to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical, education, and supervision. In Indiana, if parents are having to choose between paying energy cost, medical care, or food or if the electric and/or heat at the home are disconnected, the parent by Indiana's definition is committing the crime of child neglect.

CenterPoint has a responsibility to the customers in Southern Indiana, to take into consideration what is affordable without pushing all of the customers served into poverty.

Thank you,
Shawn J Gourley
CenterPoint Evansville Customer

From: [Linda Sandefur](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda A Sandefur - IURC Public Field Hearing -Cause#45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:29:35 AM

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I am writing in regard to the proposed CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case.

I am writing to ask you to OPPOSE this proposal. My husband and I both work full time jobs. We struggle to get by each month. We are both 62 years of age and are looking forward to be able to retire in just a couple years. Our current monthly expenses include rent for our 2 bedroom apartment of \$1150 plus our gas and trash is paid in addition to this with our monthly rent. We pay CenterPoint over \$350 in summer months when we cool our apartment down. This does not include the added gas fee we pay to our apartment management group. We pay additionally over \$200 in gasoline costs in addition to this for transportation to my husband's job which is 45 minute drive from our home. We have been unable to locate an apartment any where closer that we can afford. Our total net income with both of us working is currently around \$3500. Groceries have more than doubled for us as well. An average bi-weekly trip to the grocer is around \$500. (This does include laundry detergents, toilet paper, and other cleaners). Even with that we still find ourselves having to run out and pick up misc. Items we have ran out of. We have relied on one car for the past 3 years. I worked days and he worked nights to make it work. We both take medication daily. My medications alone total over \$800 monthly.

Income = \$3500 net

Expenses

Rent =\$1150

Gas, trash, water= \$150

Gasoline = \$200

Groceries = \$1000

Medicines = \$1000

CenterPoint (electric) = \$300 average

Insurance = \$ 190 (car and renters)

As you can tell by adding up the numbers there is nothing left at the end of the month. We have no savings and no back up plan should we get evicted we will be living on the streets. We do not dine out, go to movies, go bowling or any other extra curricular activity as we simply don't have the funds for it.

The proposed rate hike will break us. We will more than likely loose our apartment and become homeless. I understand that CenterPoint is just doing business as normal and how to make a profit. However when you consider they are already getting nearly .14% of our income and they show earnings in the millions it just doesn't make sense. Additionally, I know I speak for many other households that share similar stories and who are much worse off than we are. We are considered median income and make better than average wages for this area.

I am not saying CenterPoint is the cause for the rate of inflation, however I hope they have enough consciousness to realize what this rate hike will do to our community and reconsider.

Other facts and considerations:

Center point net earnings: \$1.13 billion

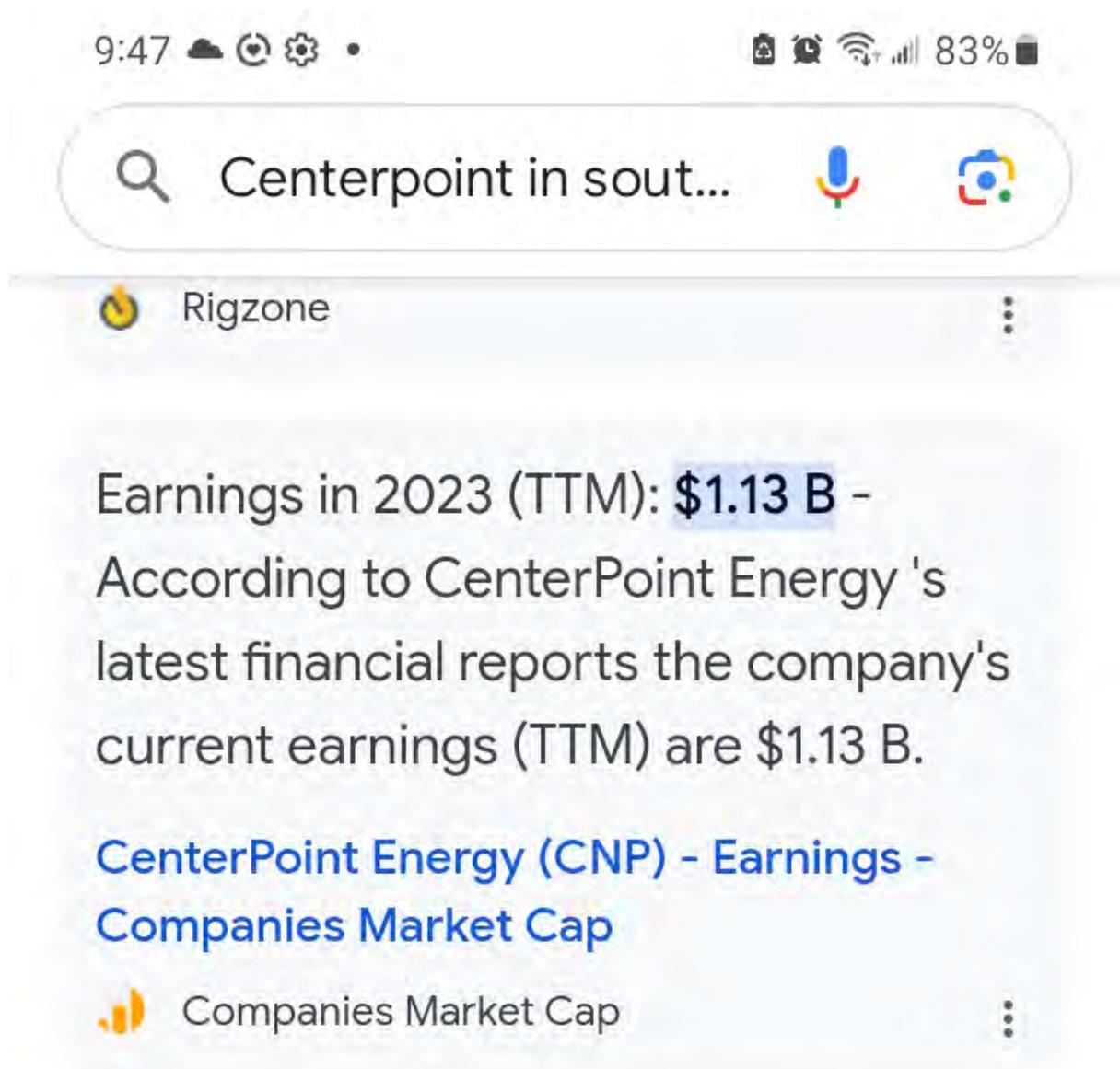
CenterPoint's CEO earned 37.8 million

Average wages in Vanderburgh County \$43,000 per year. The CEO make roughly 8.5 times what the average resident earns in our county.

There are no other utility companies in our area we can choose from. (CenterPoint is a monopoly).

So per the following article an average bill before you factor in kilowatts used is \$160 in fees. (This is approximately 10% of an average income of \$20,000 per year)

<https://www.citact.org/news/average-centerpoint-electric-bill>



CenterPoint Energy net income for the twelve months ending September 30, 2023 was **\$797M**, a 47.81% decline year-over-year.

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Vanderburgh County alone has less than 190,000 residents. This rate increase is targeted for much larger cities yet Vanderburgh County will take the brunt force of it as we are the smallest residential area in their footprint.

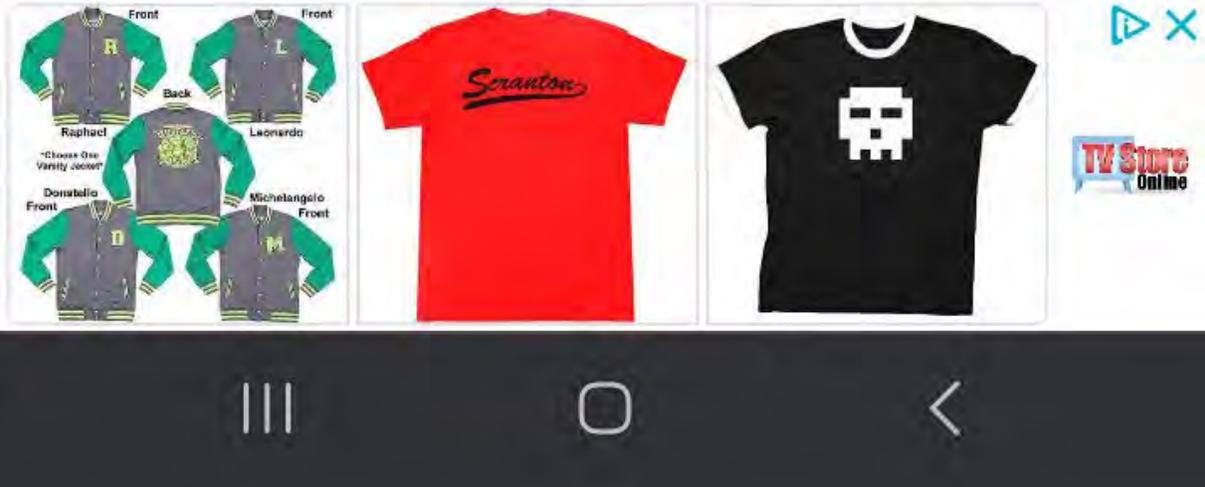
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Sources: United States Census Bureau. 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Office. Web. 7 December 2023.

United States Census Bureau. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2020 to July 1,



You will notice the numbers of our residents decreasing as CenterPoint rates have increased.

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How many employees does CenterPoint Energy have?

Why is CenterPoint Energy bill so high?

Why Are CenterPoint's Electric Rates So High? In short, CenterPoint has been spending customer money with reckless

abandon, making huge investments without consideration of customer impacts, and charging customers for a much higher profit margin than Indiana's other investor-owned electric utilities.

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As part of this rate hike, CenterPoint also wants to force you to pay a monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 before you even use any electricity – a 114% increase.

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So again, I urge you to please decline this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Linda A Sandefur
1200 Burdette Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Sheila DeJarnett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheila DeJarnett - Protesting Center Point Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:24:10 PM

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Hello. I wish to strongly protest Center Point Energy's proposed rate increase. The size of the requested increase is untenable for many, many customers, including me. My monthly bill for my total electric home is already well over \$400 per month! The increase would make it between \$500 and \$700, depending on the coldest or hottest months of the year.

I am a 75 year old widow living on Social Security and Pension income. Every cost of living marker, every utility I have, AND my homeowner's insurance, have almost doubled in the last 3 years since my husband died 05/2021. When he passed, my monthly income dropped by 45%. With costs of living in every area going up continuously, my lower income makes just having food, utilities, housing, auto, health care and medicines nearly impossible to manage! My husband (of 53 yrs) and I built our home. It is all I have left of our former life. I cannot bear that I may be FORCED to leave it due to Center Point and other costs of living—that decision should be because I want to move!

I know many people are in abject misery! I feel grateful for what I do have, and I am protesting for them, for everyone who will be affected by this raise. Many will not be able to maintain heat & light if this is approved. Please reject this increase paid by customers. Force the company to use their gigantic profits to pay for the upgrades they seek. It is their responsibility to cover those costs.

Electric service is NOT a luxury, it is a necessity of life! Please! Deny the rate increase request.

Thanks for the opportunity to state my protest.

Sheila DeJarnett, Homeowner
Winslow, Indiana

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean O'Daniel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: commissioners@vanderburghgov.org
Subject: Spacious Properties & Sean P. O'Daniel - CEI South Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:47:23 AM

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To: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 455990

From: Sean P. O'Daniel
(812)457-0637
Evansville, IN 47715
Spacious Properties, LLC

My business, Spacious Properties LLC, and I, Sean P. O'Daniel, are both customers of this utility providing this written comment. I am a 62-year-old male that has lived in Evansville, Knight Township, Vanderburgh County, Indiana all my lifetime. My business and I have paid SIGECO, Vectren, and CenterPoint an amount ranging from \$1180.83 up to \$4077.89 each year since 2008 through 2023. My business and I have always paid my full balance owed when due except the month CenterPoint began receiving the USPS payments in Texas, that were wrongfully forwarded to an Indiana address, that was closed, abandoned, and never processed the USPS mailed payments. That was a costly transition error made by Vectren and CenterPoint assessing late payment fees on customers.

I have met several Vectren and CenterPoint employees at annual shareholder meetings, clubs, and parks around Evansville. They have expressed a decline in their future with CenterPoint, expecting a reduction in staff retention in the Evansville previous headquarters, resulting in lost customer maintenance service and Indiana income tax revenue, to cut your corporate expenses and boost net profit or executive salary in the State of Texas.

I recommend that IURC accept the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, IN Resolution NO. CO.R-02-24-003 to reject the CenterPoint Rate Increase and reduce the Sales Tax assessed on billing paid by CEI South for customer relief for the necessary temperature control, equipment, and lighting.

The State of Indiana can replace the tax revenue for safer communities. Firearms have been a serious problem threatening the lives of the citizens' physical and mental health. I recommend that the State of Indiana begin to assess an annual tax for permit to own a firearm in the State and permit fee to carry a firearm, concealed or openly, within Indiana borders. Check your firearms at the City, County, and State Police office to receive the permits. Law abiding citizens

will be easily permitted if they apply in advance just like Voters for primary and general election.

From: [Stacy Effinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy Effinger - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:27:59 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am single and live in a very modest 1200 ft² home. I have energy efficient windows and doors there are no drafts in my house. I am the only one that lives here and it's absolutely ridiculous. The amount I'm paying for my center point bill . I shouldn't be paying more for that bill than I do a house payment ! I drive a school bus so I don't make a three figure income, but I am on that bus all day long trying to earn a decent living. I'm not at home using my electric but yet I still have an outrageous electric bill.

I have some kids on my bus that I buy food for because their parents can't afford to feed them because of having to pay the centerpoint bill. No kid should be denied a meal or even a snack because their parents have to choose between paying center point or the grocery bill .

I don't understand why you keep approving rate increases. Are you getting a kickback from centerpoint? Why do you continue to let this happen To us?

I drive a 2007 SUV, I don't have extravagant furniture or home furnishings and I can't even do home repairs when needed because of having to pay a large centerpoint bill. when their CEO's salary/bonus is 37 million, I think they're doing pretty damn good and they don't need all these rate increases. Would you please, please do something about this. People are struggling!
CauseNumber 45990.

Thank you,
Stacy Effinger
3325 Edgewood Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Strait, Stephen J](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Strait - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:39:12 PM
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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm emailing you all to ask to reject the supposed rate increase for Indiana. I was unable to attend the recent meeting to protest and to speak in regard to how unhappy I am along with the majority of the Tri-State. I'm glad that we filled the meeting rooms in order to share our stories, and we hope that didn't fall on deaf ears. It seems that legislation tends to disregard the citizens and their concerns, and the CEOs and Corporations that push legislation are always approved without worrying about the individuals they are here to service.

I didn't get to speak in regard to the service issues I have had, and I'd like to share them now with you. With inflation at an all-time high, CenterPoint is asking us to pay more for service and we are now the highest paying state for Electric. My bill has gone up almost \$100 in this past month and I have not used more electricity. I was even told by CenterPoint that I'm 3% better than an efficient home and my home was built in the 1980s. Is it because we keep our temps low, we chill the air more, we put on layers, we dress warmer inside, so we don't use the heat because we don't want a higher bill? Yes, that's all likely.

Here are some examples of the great service we have gotten which I guess means we need a rate increase (sarcasm, we don't):

1. Back in August of 2023 we had three consecutive sunny weekends. We had just bought groceries and our electricity had gone out and was out for an 'UNKNOWN REASON' for 13 hours. We lost all our groceries during this time, and I was fearful that my insulin that was in the fridge would also expire since it has to be refrigerated. We kept the fridge closed and we couldn't even have lunch or dinner at our house due to this outage.
2. The next weekend we had to replace our groceries which my Wife got on Thursday only to have the power go out for another 6 hours. A sunny day again and our power was out.
3. The third consecutive weekend we got a notice from CenterPoint, and they stated they would do preventive maintenance to trim trees to ensure power would not go out. Our power went out again due to this tree trimming and it actually took out 1300 customers in Warrick County for several hours. It was another sunny day as well.

4. I contacted CenterPoint via messenger, and they said they understood my frustration and that they had old wires, and needed to service the area and that with all their updates there were chances to have outages. I asked for a reimbursement for our groceries as did our neighbor which is a Policeman and they said it was the old lines and it wasn't their fault. Our neighbor got a letter stating they would not give him any compensation for their lost groceries, and they also stated to him it was not their fault. So, no compensation during the recession that we are having, and we basically just lost all that money with groceries and with CenterPoint cutting our power. Of course, our bill was still high that month due to the newer charges they keep adding to our bills.

So, I guess I'm under the understanding that we are to have raised rates, occasional power outages during sunny and inclement weather patterns, a bill that is sent to us not providing what charges they are charging us for (I'm told the bills will not be itemized so they can charge whatever they feel), and if we are to complain we are just told it is not their fault even though that is the service they provide.

I'm having a real hard time accepting that as well as everyone that I speak to in the Tri-State area. We need help and we don't need a company like this in charge of our service.

Please fight this rate increase as this is not warranted.

Thank you,

-Steve Strait
7422 Capri Ct.
Newburgh, IN 47630

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Date: March 3, 2024

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Reference Case No. 45990 Center Point Energy Rate Case

Center Point Energy is requesting a Rate Increase. There was a public meeting in Evansville on February 29, 2024 to hear comments regarding the rate increase. The majority of the comments were negative. There was very little time permitted to file written comments regarding the proposed Rate Increase. The following are my comments.

FIRST

I sympathize with the citizens of Evansville and their inability to pay their electrical bills. The United States has been experiencing an increase in inflation which has made the costs of almost everything increase. Some people have not made intelligent decisions regarding their expenses. This is a Free Country and people can not be forced to consider their alternatives.

Comments made during the public meeting regarding having a second utility for Evansville are absurd. Evansville and surrounding counties make up a very small territory and population base. Comments made during the meeting regarding the compensation of Center Point Energy employees are reminiscent of every union employee in this country.

SECOND

The reasons for the Rate Increase are varied. There are demands from the public for a transition to clean energy. This in turn costs money for the installation of Solar Farms and the needed infrastructure to support the installation. Unfortunately since the life expectancy of solar installations are not what they are advertised to be this problem is going to end up being a recurring issue.

One problem with the infrastructure deals with the initial electrical construction by Sigeco. Sigeco designed and installed facilities using a medium loading design instead of a heavy loading design as specified by the National Electric Safety Code. There are also areas of Evansville that are using 4,160 VAC as a distribution voltage. When houses only had a 40 or 60 amp service 4,160 was adequate. New houses with 200 amp service are creating problems for the distribution system.

THIRD

I believe one of the major reasons for the Rate Increase is the loss of customer base load. An example of this loss is the SABIC plastics plant at Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

SABIC installed a gas turbine to power their plant. This is a major loss of revenue associated with an 88 megawatt load. More to the point is the loss of billing to customers with installed Solar Cells. Customers who are financially able to install solar cells on their houses have done so and have been rewarded with being treated as an electrical generator. The residential customers with solar cells have been compensated for the energy that is produced by the solar cells at the billing rate from the utility. The majority of the citizens who are residents of Evansville and who are complaining about a rate **increase are not financially capable of installing solar cells on their residences.**

The installation of solar cells has been accomplished in such a fashion to not only provide adequate energy to the house but in sufficient quantity to produce energy to be returned to the grid. This has created a number of problems. First the energy being returned is all WATTS and no VARs. **Basically this means there is no voltage control.** This in turn has required utilities to install static VAR compensators to control the power factor. The customers with solar cells end up paying a minimum monthly charge of \$11.00 or \$12.00 for service.

This in no way compensates the utility for the installation of the pole lines, buried plant, transformers, lightning arresters, circuit breakers, fuses, meters, and labor required to provide service to a resident.. Residential solar cell installations are not controlled by the utility. Currently the utility must accept any generation that the solar cells provide whether it is needed or not.

California is currently dealing with a “Duck Curve” issue as described in the U.S. Energy Information Administration “Today in Energy” Report dated June 21, 2023. This in turn has placed an additional burden on the utilities since the generation equipment was never designed to operate in such a fashion.

The new administration in Evansville is planning on the installation of solar cells on all government buildings using some source of funding. This will remove more base load from Center Point Energy which in turn will require additional rate increases. So by the city of Evansville planning on going Solar will in effect place a greater burden on the citizens of Evansville.

With no Rate Increase the other approach would be that Center Point Energy could adopt an austerity policy of requiring payment for all new facilities and payment for equipment that has failed. There could also be a charge for furnishing service to a resident that has or is planning on the installation of solar cells.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Bibbee
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Sincerely,

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Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case 45990: I'm a family physician working in a community health center. I'm also the Chair of the Health Committee for NAACP Evansville Branch. Like many in this room, our February bill is high, astonishingly high. In fact, the highest we see on our records. Now we've been fortunate enough to have rooftop solar, and we still try to conserve. And of course this industry killed net metering and disincentivize sustainable energy via their stranglehold on the statehouse. We happen to be comfortable at this time, and for that grace, that unmerited favor, we are grateful. But not to CenterPoint. Yet there are thousands of families across this captive service area, many on the knife-edge of economic survival, "one paycheck away", bound to the sole community household energy provider, a provider not based in or connected to or CENTERED at all at any POINT in this community except to the stream, the torrent, of cash it receives. These families are recipients of unmerited and increasingly dire financial hardship. They work just as hard, they put AT LEAST as much toil, and passion into their work; and their lives and their children's lives have just as much meaning, and just as much value as any shareholder or board member at CenterPoint.

Within healthcare, we're finally giving due attention to the social determinants of health. Social determinants are conditions in the environments, where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality of life outcomes and risks. One of the key social determinants is economic security.

I see the consequences of economic INsecurity every single day - every day when someone is forced to choose between the monthly insulin regimen and utilities. Between groceries and utilities and rent. Between investing in their children's future, and not having their power shut off today. The flip side to this institutionalized deprivation is the lucrative, LUSH ROE, Return on Equity, CenterPoint enjoys. That term alone, return on equity. Equity, and we KNOW at a glance in this redlined city, that social EQUITY is not in CenterPoint's equation. In fact, CenterPoint will ADD to the misery of this community with this rate hike that will disproportionately target historically excluded and economically at-risk households. \$47 more every month from each captive customer to to pay for past AND future failures of this corporation. The failure to see the economic dead end of continued addiction to fossil-fuel fume belching monstrosities that put all of us in this sacrifice zone at even greater risk. The failure to secure anything but shareholders returns and to maintain a CEO compensation package that is staggering, even for this industry. Unconscionable.

In return, we get what from CenterPoint? A corporate logo or sponsorship on some community event here? Free popcorn here, free fireworks there? Cheap plastic crap like this? Guess what this is - literally a box of Band-Aids. Band-Aids, a metaphor for the cosmetic, superficial remedies this corporation offers as so-called charity in exchange

for the deep wounds It inflicts on our most vulnerable. I'm talking about economic trauma. This winter, mild as winters go, has seen neighbors dying in the streets for want of safe housing. All while the 1% of a for-profit corporation reap a cozy sum. This year more families are on the verge of losing utilities AND their housing. Nudged a little closer to the brink by CenterPoint. All while the 1% of a for-profit corporation reap a tidy profit.

I've been around long enough to remember Enron, another Houston behemoth. Its bigwigs and corporate raiders, instilling chaos into the grid, yukking it up about what they were doing to grandmothers. Today's corporate elite at CenterPoint paint this latest measure with the veneer of decency, saying they'll boost reliability. Know what's reliable? The uptick of families whose service will be cut off due to this rate hike. And their AC be when they've been shut off? And they have asthma? Or they have diabetes and need insulin that is stored properly? Or their child's online homework just isn't going to get done? Rely on this happening. Count on it. CenterPoint's greed imperils present and future economic security. People in this community are fed up. Please listen to them today. I firmly believe they will not steer you wrong. But if we let CenterPoint take the wheel, people are going to go hungry, without their medications, without transportation. Because that money that CenterPoint will suck up in its greed won't go to fill working families needs. People are going to risk losing their jobs and lose their homes. To put it bluntly, people are going to die if you allow this rate hike to happen. And at the end of the day that loss for any one family accrues to us all. It is a loss for all of this community. These losses won't reflect on ROE. This is where you come in, to balance the books, to restore rationality to this wildly unhinged system. Thank you!

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Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Our electric bill was \$285 in January.....February bill was \$618! Unreasonable, to say the least. Who has ever heard of a 39 day billing cycle....Ridiculous to say the least. We have lived at our Residence for 15 years & HAVE NEVER, EVER HAD A BILL LIKE THIS! Thank God for our County Trustee & the financial assistance we applied for & recieved or we would've been one of those customers who I keep reading about who had their Electricity turned off because they couldn't pay their bill

3/4/2024

To Whom it May Concern;

I am a resident of Vanderburgh county and am writing in regards to your companies proposed rate increase. Why is it that anytime anything needs improved within your organization, the first thing you go to is a rate hike? And you have the audacity to point out that said increase will "ONLY BE \$46/month." When does it stop? When does your organization start looking within to cut cost for new projects?

Currently in Evansville/Vanderburgh Co there is a sewer mandate. Dispute usage our water bill is **\$100 per month**. Before the sewer mandate the water bill ran around \$30-\$45 per month (depending on usage). Also, for the last 3 years property taxes have gone up significantly. Between your rate increase, the water departments increase and property taxes going up I am tapped out!

I am of average income. I keep my house at 62 degrees in the winter and 76 degrees in the summer months in hopes that I can lower my monthly budget bill amount at reassessment time. Fortunately, my home is of new construction and rather efficient. However, my budget bill is currently \$250 per month. Your proposed "only \$46/month" increase would raise that monthly bill to over \$300 per month. Again, **over \$300 per month!**

I am certain your executives proposing this hike have heard that inflation has consumers paying more for food, gas, health insurance and other consumer needs. I cannot imagine being a senior citizen on a fixed income trying to keep the lights and water on. My .05% raise will not even cover your monthly rate hike. Bottom line: I should not have to work a second job in order to keep the lights on!

Tapped Out,

Tami G

From: [Erin Hobgood](#)
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Subject: Erin Hobgood - CenterPoint Rate Hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:23:54 AM

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I'm going to be honest, this increase is going to be ridiculously hard on us in Southwestern but Indiana. We already pay the highest electric rates in the state. But we can't suspend the reality that every single one of you on the utility commission is bought and paid for by Centerpoint and will vote in this hike, the way you have voted in every single other hike (and in sometimes even told them they increase the rate by more than what they requested). You will be responsible for the exodus and stagnant growth in this part of the country. I've contemplated moving to Henderson, and the writing is on the wall...for us citizens to afford to live in this area, it's not by staying in Indiana. So have fun increasing the rate knowing that it's not going to hurt you because you don't have to deal with Centerpoint as a utility.

Anyway, I'm asking you to do the right thing by the people of this part of the state *for once* and deny a utility increase.

If the grinch realized he had a heart, I hope you all can find the guts you need to tell Centerpoint: NO

Erin Hobgood

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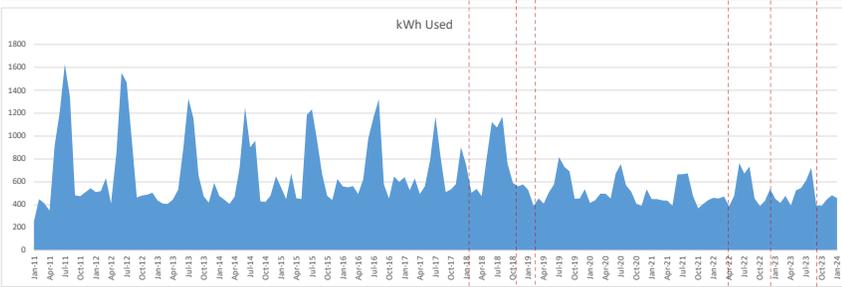
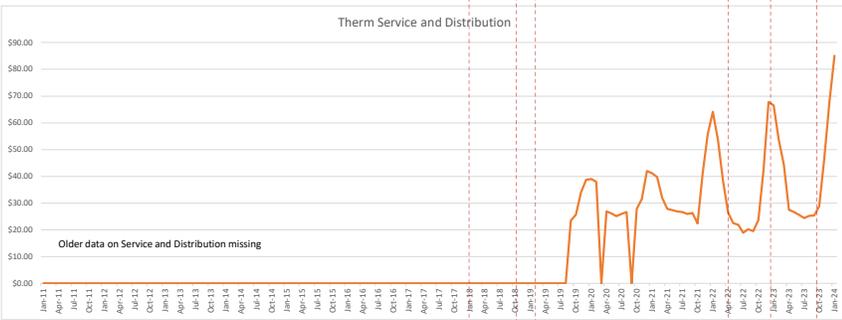
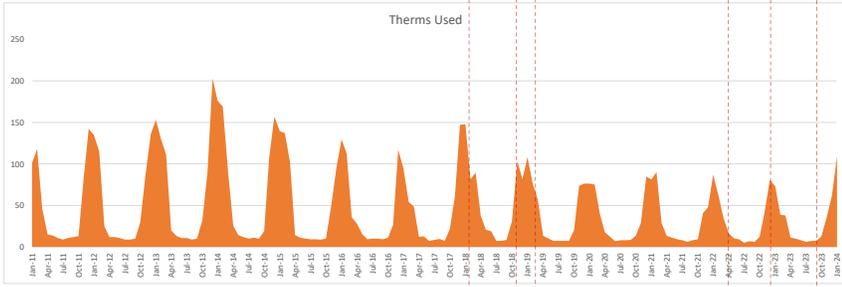
Hi there!

My name is Chris Hornbeck, I live in Evansville and have been a Vectren/Centerpoint customer since 2010.

I have been collecting data from my Vectren, and now Centerpoint, billing statements since 2011. I have been compiling this data into a spreadsheet to observe my energy usage as well as costs of said energy. This spreadsheet helps give a visual on how much energy rates have steadily increased since the Centerpoint-Vectren merger. Particularly, the KWh rate and the natural gas service/maintenance fees.

The charts on the first sheet include therm usage, therm cost, therm service/maintenance, KWh usage and KWh cost. There are red dotted line markers that indicate events, ex. the Vectren/Centerpoint merger. I thought this data would be helpful in your case. Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks!



Vectren-Centerpoint merger announced
 Installed new HVAC system
 Vectren-Centerpoint merger complete
 Natural Gas Inflation
 Arctic Blast
 Centerpoint states that gas rates will be

Average kWh	Total kWh	Total Cost	Average Annual Cost
611.17	79260.00	\$15,297.97	\$1,092.71

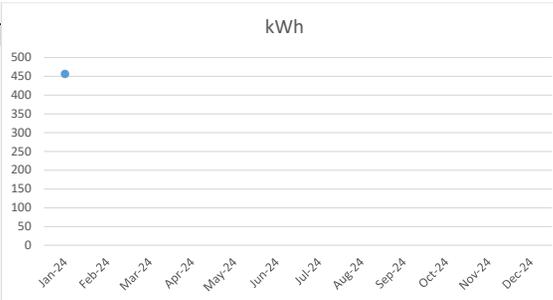
Average Therms	Total Therms	Total Cost	Average Annual Cost
48.76	6991.03	\$4,201.60	\$300.11

Date	Therms	Therm Cost	Therm Service : kWh	kWh Cost	Events
Jan-11	101	\$0.7179		253	\$0.1423
Feb-11	118	\$0.7524		450	\$0.1422
Mar-11	46	\$0.7622		413	\$0.1477
Apr-11	15	\$0.7773		349	\$0.1490
May-11	14	\$0.7436		916	\$0.1452
Jun-11	11	\$0.7455		1210	\$0.1438
Jul-11	9	\$0.7511		1627	\$0.1438
Aug-11	11	\$0.7473		1341	\$0.1439
Sep-11	12	\$0.7108		481	\$0.1476
Oct-11	13	\$0.7138		474	\$0.1477
Nov-11	82	\$0.7222		511	\$0.1468
Dec-11	142	\$0.7168		543	\$0.1473
Jan-12	135	\$0.7089		509	\$0.1454
Feb-12	115	\$0.6504		519	\$0.1407
Mar-12	25	\$0.8600		632	\$0.1408
Apr-12	12	\$0.5992		409	\$0.1418
May-12	12	\$0.5925		851	\$0.1375
Jun-12	11	\$0.6282		1554	\$0.1384
Jul-12	9	\$0.6389		1471	\$0.1380
Aug-12	9	\$0.6367		975	\$0.1364
Sep-12	10	\$0.6150		463	\$0.1404
Oct-12	30	\$0.6183		480	\$0.1396
Nov-12	86	\$0.6608		487	\$0.1417
Dec-12	136	\$0.6367		505	\$0.1426
Jan-13	153	\$0.6641		439	\$0.1412
Feb-13	130	\$0.6358		410	\$0.1439
Mar-13	111	\$0.6203		408	\$0.1446
Apr-13	20	\$0.7335		444	\$0.1441
May-13	13	\$0.7608		532	\$0.1429
Jun-13	11	\$0.7582		891	\$0.1437
Jul-13	11	\$0.7264		1327	\$0.1439
Aug-13	9	\$0.7689		1154	\$0.1447
Sep-13	10	\$0.7470		655	\$0.1450
Oct-13	32.2	\$0.7258		473	\$0.1459
Nov-13	89.6	\$0.7045		418	\$0.1459
Dec-13	202.9	\$0.7050		592	\$0.1453
Jan-14	175.7	\$0.7504		477	\$0.1447
Feb-14	168.9	\$0.7484		444	\$0.1419
Mar-14	88.5	\$0.7745		407	\$0.1425
Apr-14	25.4	\$0.8244		468	\$0.1432
May-14	14.3	\$0.8154		725	\$0.1421
Jun-14	12.2	\$0.8033		1250	\$0.1416
Jul-14	10.1	\$0.7941		902	\$0.1419
Aug-14	11.2	\$0.7759		958	\$0.1430
Sep-14	10.2	\$0.7775		429	\$0.1445
Oct-14	19.4	\$0.7789		424	\$0.1439
Nov-14	108.3	\$0.7088		480	\$0.1458
Dec-14	156.8	\$0.7541		648	\$0.1466
Jan-15	139.6	\$0.6981		553	\$0.1465
Feb-15	136.9	\$0.6268		450	\$0.1422
Mar-15	102.3	\$0.6932		671	\$0.1425
Apr-15	14.3	\$0.6986		456	\$0.1425
May-15	11.2	\$0.7366		450	\$0.1422
Jun-15	10.2	\$0.7480		1187	\$0.1424
Jul-15	9.2	\$0.7163		1233	\$0.1419
Aug-15	9.2	\$0.6250		964	\$0.1411
Sep-15	9.1	\$0.6055		666	\$0.1411
Oct-15	10.2	\$0.5824		478	\$0.1423
Nov-15	50.8	\$0.5234		441	\$0.1429
Dec-15	95.8	\$0.5509		625	\$0.1440
Jan-16	129.7	\$0.4751		561	\$0.1444
Feb-16	112.3	\$0.4561		553	\$0.1410

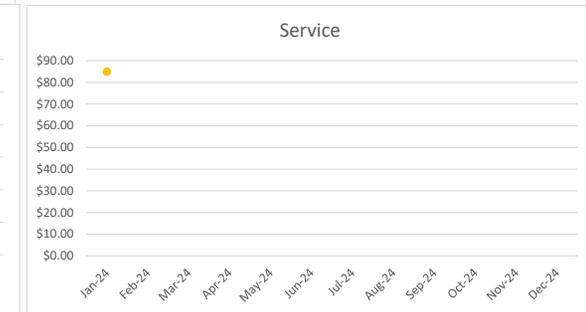
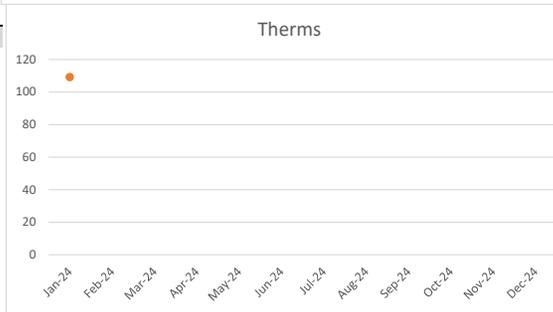
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Apr-16	27.7	\$0.4993		494	\$0.1417
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Jun-16	9.2	\$0.5402		980	\$0.1439
Jul-16	10.2	\$0.6010		1169	\$0.1446
Aug-16	10.2	\$0.6137		1321	\$0.1461
Sep-16	9.2	\$0.6174		577	\$0.1462
Oct-16	11.2	\$0.6571		454	\$0.1462
Nov-16	27	\$0.5730		646	\$0.1458
Dec-16	117	\$0.5511		600	\$0.1459
Jan-17	95	\$0.6260		640	\$0.1458
Feb-17	54	\$0.6728		528	\$0.1438
Mar-17	48.878	\$0.5894		630	\$0.1613
Apr-17	12.262	\$0.6557		492	\$0.1660
May-17	12.625	\$0.7398		563	\$0.1624
Jun-17	7.463	\$0.7517		788	\$0.1560
Jul-17	8.495	\$0.7369		1169	\$0.1518
Aug-17	9.583	\$0.7127		817	\$0.1576
Sep-17	7.492	\$0.7034		511	\$0.1657
Oct-17	21.422	\$0.7175		532	\$0.1651
Nov-17	60.87	\$0.6156		580	\$0.1662
Dec-17	147.154	\$0.5666		901	\$0.1597
Jan-18	147.637	\$0.5831		749	\$0.1622
Feb-18	81.52	\$0.6721		504	\$0.1679 Vectren Merger Announced
Mar-18	89.488	\$0.5774		539	\$0.1662
Apr-18	37.947	\$0.5837		473	\$0.1693
May-18	20.906	\$0.6725		812	\$0.1600
Jun-18	18.896	\$0.7589		1123	\$0.1522
Jul-18	7.419	\$0.7467		1074	\$0.1527
Aug-18	7.424	\$0.6950		1170	\$0.1517
Sep-18	8.481	\$0.6921		762	\$0.1572
Oct-18	30.647	\$0.6581		592	\$0.1617
Nov-18	103.653	\$0.5231		559	\$0.1631 New HVAC
Dec-18	81.639	\$0.5997		576	\$0.1566
Jan-19	108.035	\$0.5608		530	\$0.1587
Feb-19	76.657	\$0.5414		389	\$0.1659 Vectren Merger Completion
Mar-19	57.691	\$0.5344		455	\$0.1612 RHR Program
Apr-19	13.359	\$0.3578		409	\$0.1646
May-19	10.329	\$0.4831		506	\$0.1634
Jun-19	7.328	\$0.4899		577	\$0.1638
Jul-19	7.355	\$0.4718		815	\$0.1570
Aug-19	7.334	\$0.4540		729	\$0.1578
Sep-19	7.401	\$0.4391	\$23.43	691	\$0.1587
Oct-19	20.153	\$0.4188	\$25.73	451	\$0.1687
Nov-19	73.703	\$0.3041	\$34.02	454	\$0.1687
Dec-19	76.479	\$0.3000	\$38.63	534	\$0.1675
Jan-20	76.383	\$0.2851	\$39.09	416	\$0.1747
Feb-20	75.19	\$0.2797	\$37.97	439	\$0.1729
Mar-20	40.365	\$0.2847		496	\$0.1694
Apr-20	17.621	\$0.2452	\$26.92	497	\$0.1692
May-20	12.336	\$0.4280	\$26.15	453	\$0.1723
Jun-20	7.148	\$0.4043	\$25.13	671	\$0.1636
Jul-20	8.296	\$0.3881	\$25.99	756	\$0.1613
Aug-20	8.272	\$0.3965	\$26.72	572	\$0.1671
Sep-20	8.381	\$0.4128		512	\$0.1700
Oct-20	13.541	\$0.3737	\$27.82	407	\$0.1781
Nov-20	29.005	\$0.2879	\$31.54	390	\$0.1839
Dec-20	84.694	\$0.2585	\$42.03	534	\$0.1749
Jan-21	81.276	\$0.2877	\$41.18	450	\$0.1802
Feb-21	90.028	\$0.3178	\$39.71	450	\$0.1796
Mar-21	29.014	\$0.3226	\$31.93	437	\$0.1805
Apr-21	13.441	\$0.3214	\$27.87	436	\$0.1803
May-21	11.382	\$0.4718	\$27.35	390	\$0.1836
Jun-21	9.357	\$0.4905	\$26.95	667	\$0.1707
Jul-21	8.326	\$0.6173	\$26.64	665	\$0.1708
Aug-21	6.282	\$1.1079	\$25.91	674	\$0.1709
Sep-21	8.288	\$0.9134	\$26.29	475	\$0.1805
Oct-21	9.415	\$0.8062	\$22.38	368	\$0.1904
Nov-21	40.697	\$0.7143	\$41.07	408	\$0.1914
Dec-21	48.147	\$0.6104	\$55.83	440	\$0.1897
Jan-22	87.236	\$0.5802	\$64.09	461	\$0.1888
Feb-22	62.8	\$0.6011	\$53.63	455	\$0.1892 Ukraine War
Mar-22	34.109	\$0.6324	\$38.34	472	\$0.1880

Apr-22	16.555	\$0.6820	\$26.45	385	\$0.1954	Natural gas inflation
May-22	10.31	\$1.0107	\$22.49	479	\$0.1883	
Jun-22	9.417	\$1.2169	\$21.87	763	\$0.1755	
Jul-22	5.212	\$1.2145	\$18.98	671	\$0.1764	
Aug-22	7.215	\$0.7956	\$20.26	733	\$0.1761	
Sep-22	6.15	\$0.7577	\$19.58	455	\$0.1905	
Oct-22	12.294	\$0.6946	\$23.67	388	\$0.1957	
Nov-22	42.853	\$0.6788	\$42.12	434	\$0.1846	
Dec-22	81	\$0.7568	\$67.75	537	\$0.1786	Arctic Blast
Jan-23	73.059	\$0.6822	\$66.52	451	\$0.1854	
Feb-23	38.984	\$0.5582	\$53.66	415	\$0.2003	
Mar-23	37.94	\$0.5132	\$44.33	477	\$0.1952	
Apr-23	11.275	\$0.4302	\$27.48	393	\$0.2017	
May-23	10.265	\$0.4345	\$26.72	523	\$0.1847	
Jun-23	8.35	\$0.4683	\$25.61	547	\$0.1829	
Jul-23	6.247	\$0.4658	\$24.42	614	\$0.1761	
Aug-23	7.297	\$0.4002	\$25.28	721	\$0.1779	
Sep-23	7.329	\$0.3957	\$25.32	393	\$0.1974	
Oct-23	12.652	\$0.3770	\$28.86	389	\$0.1978	Centerpoint states that gas will be cheaper this year
Nov-23	36.386	\$0.2627	\$46.77	447	\$0.1941	
Dec-23	61.914	\$0.2491	\$67.72	482	\$0.2069	Arctic Blast
Jan-24	109.169	\$0.2729	\$84.94	456	\$0.2077	

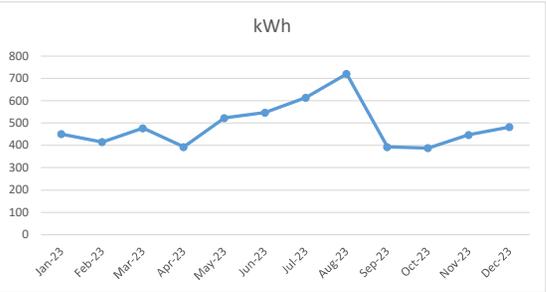
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Feb-24						
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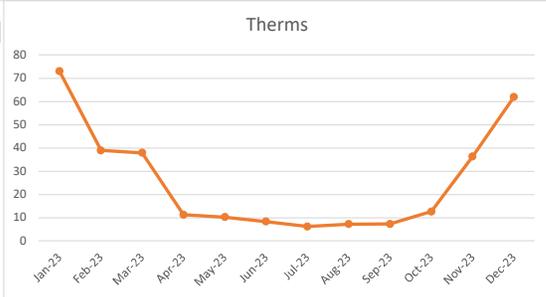
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Feb-24							
Mar-24							
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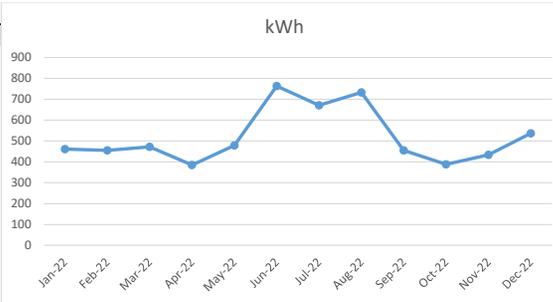
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Feb-23	415	\$83.11	\$0.2003			
Mar-23	477	\$93.10	\$0.1952			
Apr-23	393	\$79.27	\$0.2017			
May-23	523	\$96.60	\$0.1847			
Jun-23	547	\$100.06	\$0.1829			
Jul-23	614	\$108.15	\$0.1761			
Aug-23	721	\$128.27	\$0.1779			
Sep-23	393	\$77.58	\$0.1974			
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Nov-23	447	\$86.76	\$0.1941			
Dec-23	482	\$99.73	\$0.2069			



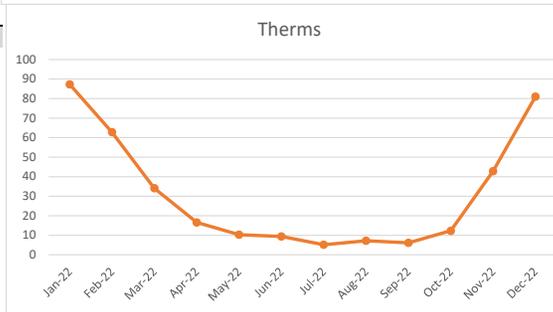
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Jan-23	73.059	\$49.84	\$66.52	\$0.6822	25.97	311.698	\$142.77
Feb-23	38.984	\$21.76	\$53.66	\$0.5582			
Mar-23	37.94	\$19.47	\$44.33	\$0.5132			
Apr-23	11.275	\$4.85	\$27.48	\$0.4302			
May-23	10.265	\$4.46	\$26.72	\$0.4345			
Jun-23	8.35	\$3.91	\$25.61	\$0.4683			
Jul-23	6.247	\$2.91	\$24.42	\$0.4658			
Aug-23	7.297	\$2.92	\$25.28	\$0.4002			
Sep-23	7.329	\$2.90	\$25.32	\$0.3957			
Oct-23	12.652	\$4.77	\$28.86	\$0.3770			
Nov-23	36.386	\$9.56	\$46.77	\$0.2627			
Dec-23	61.914	\$15.42	\$67.72	\$0.2491			



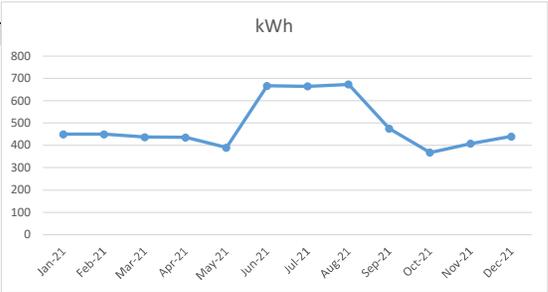
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Jan-22	461	\$87.02	\$0.1888	519.42	6233	\$1,147.30
Feb-22	455	\$86.08	\$0.1892			
Mar-22	472	\$88.72	\$0.1880			
Apr-22	385	\$75.24	\$0.1954			
May-22	479	\$90.19	\$0.1883			
Jun-22	763	\$133.92	\$0.1755			
Jul-22	671	\$118.37	\$0.1764			
Aug-22	733	\$129.10	\$0.1761			
Sep-22	455	\$86.69	\$0.1905			
Oct-22	388	\$75.94	\$0.1957			
Nov-22	434	\$80.13	\$0.1846			
Dec-22	537	\$95.90	\$0.1786			



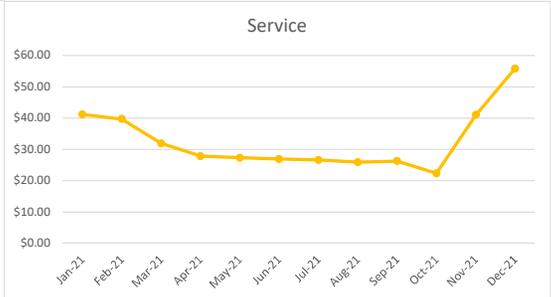
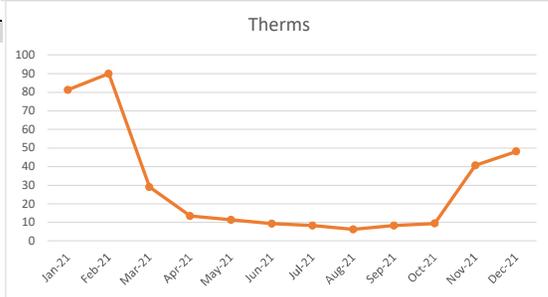
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Jan-22	87.236	\$50.61	\$64.09	\$0.5802	31.26	375.151	\$258.76
Feb-22	62.8	\$37.75	\$53.63	\$0.6011			
Mar-22	34.109	\$21.57	\$38.34	\$0.6324			
Apr-22	16.555	\$11.29	\$26.45	\$0.6820			
May-22	10.31	\$10.42	\$22.49	\$1.0107			
Jun-22	9.417	\$11.46	\$21.87	\$1.2169			
Jul-22	5.212	\$6.33	\$18.98	\$1.2145			
Aug-22	7.215	\$5.74	\$20.26	\$0.7956			
Sep-22	6.15	\$4.66	\$19.58	\$0.7577			
Oct-22	12.294	\$8.54	\$23.67	\$0.6946			
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Dec-22	81	\$61.30	\$67.75	\$0.7568			



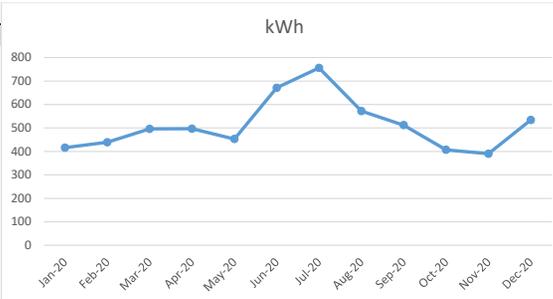
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Jan-21	450	\$81.09	\$0.1802	488.33	5860	\$1,050.99
Feb-21	450	\$80.80	\$0.1796			
Mar-21	437	\$78.88	\$0.1805			
Apr-21	436	\$78.63	\$0.1803			
May-21	390	\$71.62	\$0.1836			
Jun-21	667	\$113.84	\$0.1707			
Jul-21	665	\$113.58	\$0.1708			
Aug-21	674	\$115.21	\$0.1709			
Sep-21	475	\$85.72	\$0.1805			
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Nov-21	408	\$78.08	\$0.1914			
Dec-21	440	\$83.48	\$0.1897			



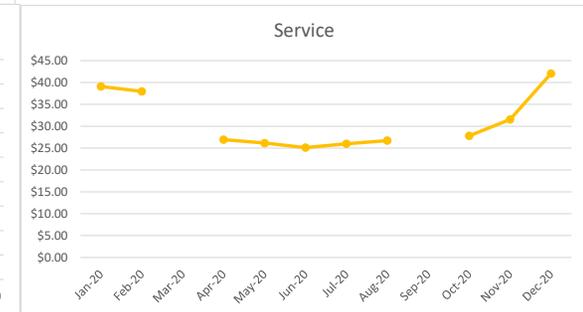
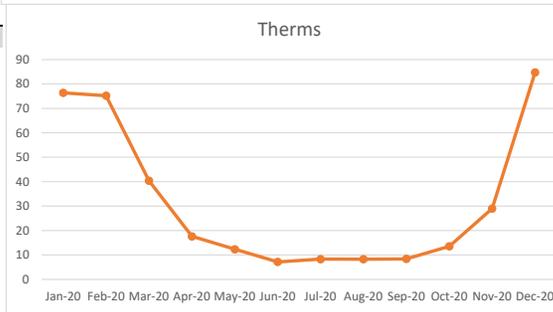
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Jan-21	81.276	\$23.38	\$41.18	\$0.2877	29.64	355.653	\$161.35
Feb-21	90.028	\$28.61	\$39.71	\$0.3178			
Mar-21	29.014	\$9.36	\$31.93	\$0.3226			
Apr-21	13.441	\$4.32	\$27.87	\$0.3214			
May-21	11.382	\$5.37	\$27.35	\$0.4718			
Jun-21	9.357	\$4.59	\$26.95	\$0.4905			
Jul-21	8.326	\$5.14	\$26.64	\$0.6173			
Aug-21	6.282	\$6.96	\$25.91	\$1.1079			
Sep-21	8.288	\$7.57	\$26.29	\$0.9134			
Oct-21	9.415	\$7.59	\$22.38	\$0.8062			
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Dec-21	48.147	\$29.39	\$55.83	\$0.6104			



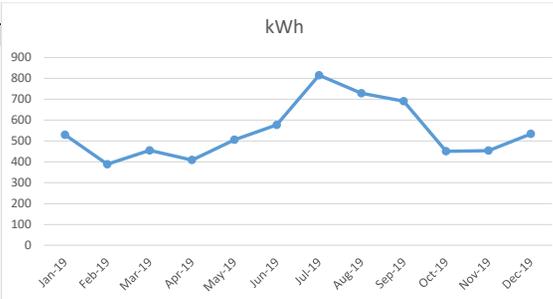
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Feb-20	439	\$75.91	\$0.1729			
Mar-20	496	\$84.01	\$0.1694			
Apr-20	497	\$84.11	\$0.1692			
May-20	453	\$78.03	\$0.1723			
Jun-20	671	\$109.80	\$0.1636			
Jul-20	756	\$121.91	\$0.1613			
Aug-20	572	\$95.59	\$0.1671			
Sep-20	512	\$87.02	\$0.1700			
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Nov-20	390	\$71.74	\$0.1839			
Dec-20	534	\$93.37	\$0.1749			



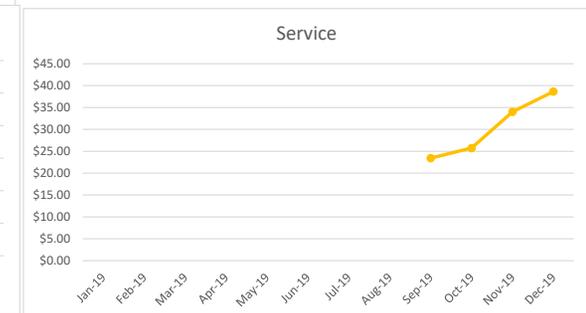
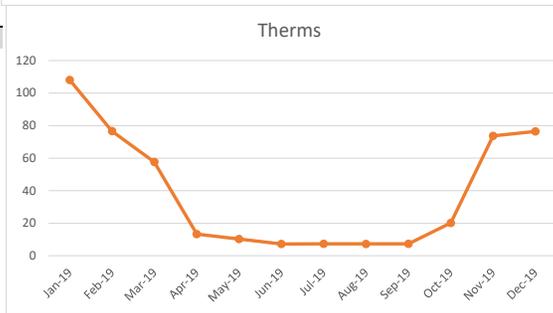
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Jan-20	76.383	\$21.78	\$39.09	\$0.2851	31.77	381.232	\$112.05
Feb-20	75.19	21.03	\$37.97	\$0.2797			
Mar-20	40.365	\$11.49		\$0.2847			
Apr-20	17.621	\$4.32	\$26.92	\$0.2452			
May-20	12.336	\$5.28	\$26.15	\$0.4280			
Jun-20	7.148	\$2.89	\$25.13	\$0.4043			
Jul-20	8.296	\$3.22	\$25.99	\$0.3881			
Aug-20	8.272	\$3.28	\$26.72	\$0.3965			
Sep-20	8.381	\$3.46		\$0.4128			
Oct-20	13.541	\$5.06	\$27.82	\$0.3737			
Nov-20	29.005	\$8.35	\$31.54	\$0.2879			
Dec-20	84.694	\$21.89	\$42.03	\$0.2585			



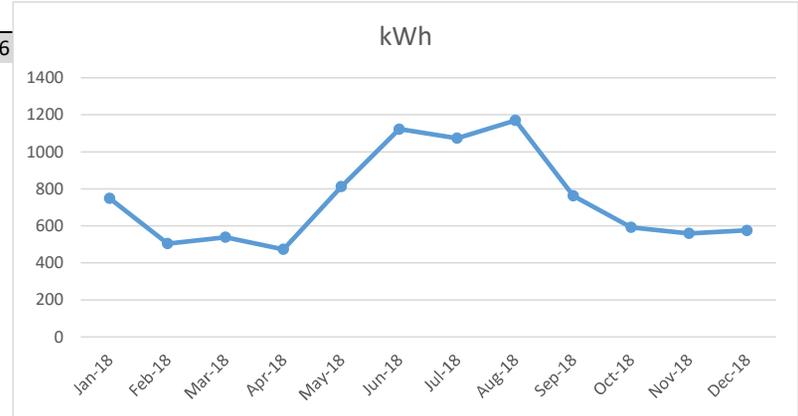
Electricity	kWh	Cost	Rate	Average kV	Total kWh	Total Cost
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Feb-19	389	\$64.54	\$0.1659			
Mar-19	455	\$73.36	\$0.1612			
Apr-19	409	\$67.31	\$0.1646			
May-19	506	\$82.70	\$0.1634			
Jun-19	577	\$94.51	\$0.1638			
Jul-19	815	\$127.96	\$0.1570			
Aug-19	729	\$115.01	\$0.1578			
Sep-19	691	\$109.69	\$0.1587			
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Dec-19	534	\$89.46	\$0.1675			



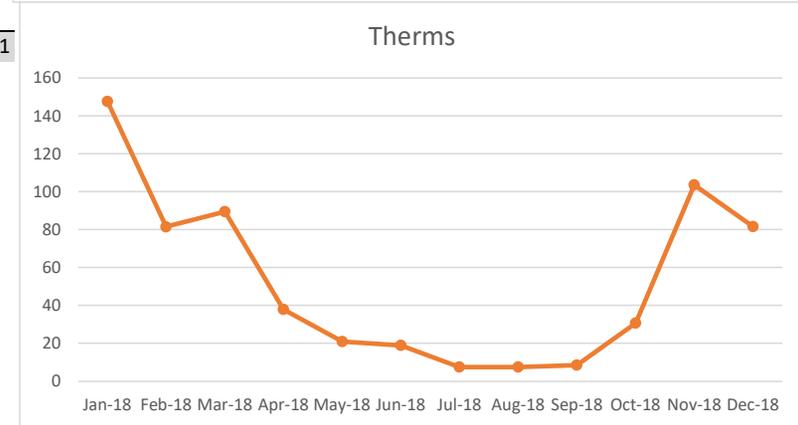
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Feb-19	76.657	\$41.50		\$0.5414			
Mar-19	57.691	\$30.83		\$0.5344			
Apr-19	13.359	\$4.78		\$0.3578			
May-19	10.329	\$4.99		\$0.4831			
Jun-19	7.328	\$3.59		\$0.4899			
Jul-19	7.355	\$3.47		\$0.4718			
Aug-19	7.334	\$3.33		\$0.4540			
Sep-19	7.401	\$3.25	\$23.43	\$0.4391			
Oct-19	20.153	\$8.44	\$25.73	\$0.4188			
Nov-19	73.703	\$22.41	\$34.02	\$0.3041			
Dec-19	76.479	\$22.94	\$38.63	\$0.3000			



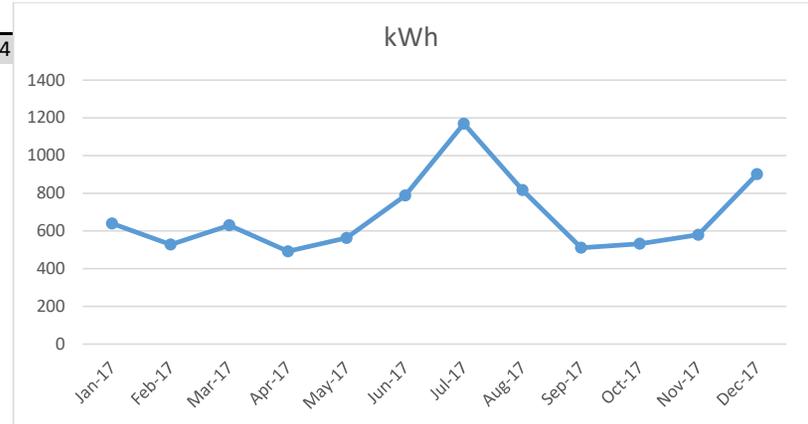
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Jan-18	749	\$121.50	\$0.1622	744.42	8933	\$1,414.96
Feb-18	504	\$84.60	\$0.1679			
Mar-18	539	\$89.58	\$0.1662			
Apr-18	473	\$80.07	\$0.1693			
May-18	812	\$129.94	\$0.1600			
Jun-18	1123	\$170.95	\$0.1522			
Jul-18	1074	\$163.98	\$0.1527			
Aug-18	1170	\$177.47	\$0.1517			
Sep-18	762	\$119.76	\$0.1572			
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Nov-18	559	\$91.16	\$0.1631			
Dec-18	576	\$90.20	\$0.1566			



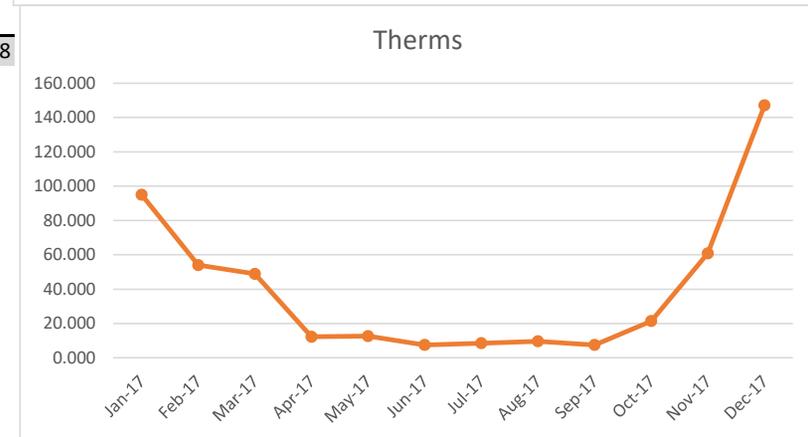
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Jan-18	147.637	\$86.08		\$0.5831	52.97	635.657	\$383.01
Feb-18	81.52	\$54.79		\$0.6721			
Mar-18	89.488	\$51.67		\$0.5774			
Apr-18	37.947	\$22.15		\$0.5837			
May-18	20.906	\$14.06		\$0.6725			
Jun-18	18.896	\$14.34		\$0.7589			
Jul-18	7.419	\$5.54		\$0.7467			
Aug-18	7.424	\$5.16		\$0.6950			
Sep-18	8.481	\$5.87		\$0.6921			
Oct-18	30.647	\$20.17		\$0.6581			
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Dec-18	81.639	\$48.96		\$0.5997			



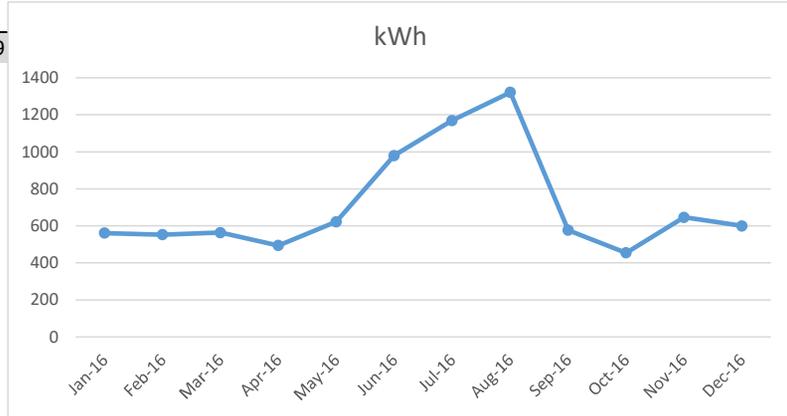
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Jan-17	640	\$93.30	\$0.1458	679.25	8151	\$1,285.84
Feb-17	528	\$75.92	\$0.1438			
Mar-17	630	\$101.59	\$0.1613			
Apr-17	492	\$81.67	\$0.1660			
May-17	563	\$91.42	\$0.1624			
Jun-17	788	\$122.95	\$0.1560			
Jul-17	1169	\$177.41	\$0.1518			
Aug-17	817	\$128.79	\$0.1576			
Sep-17	511	\$84.67	\$0.1657			
Oct-17	532	\$87.85	\$0.1651			
Nov-17	580	\$96.38	\$0.1662			
Dec-17	901	\$143.89	\$0.1597			



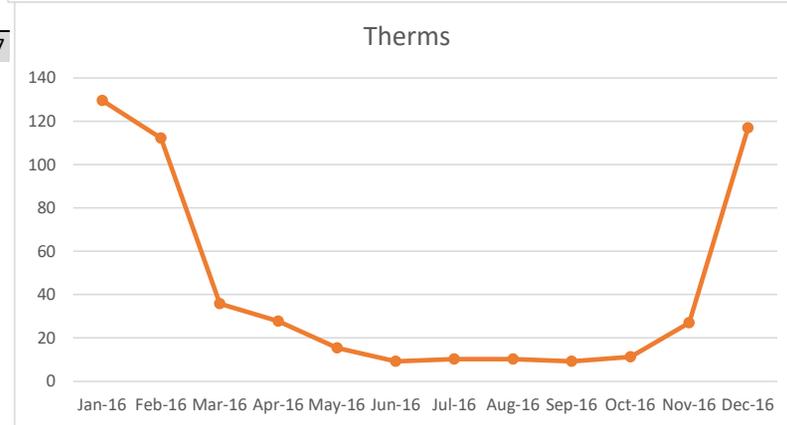
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Feb-17	54.000	\$36.33		\$0.6728			
Mar-17	48.878	\$28.81		\$0.5894			
Apr-17	12.262	\$8.04		\$0.6557			
May-17	12.625	\$9.34		\$0.7398			
Jun-17	7.463	\$5.61		\$0.7517			
Jul-17	8.495	\$6.26		\$0.7369			
Aug-17	9.583	\$6.83		\$0.7127			
Sep-17	7.492	\$5.27		\$0.7034			
Oct-17	21.422	\$15.37		\$0.7175			
Nov-17	60.87	\$37.47		\$0.6156			
Dec-17	147.154	\$83.38		\$0.5666			



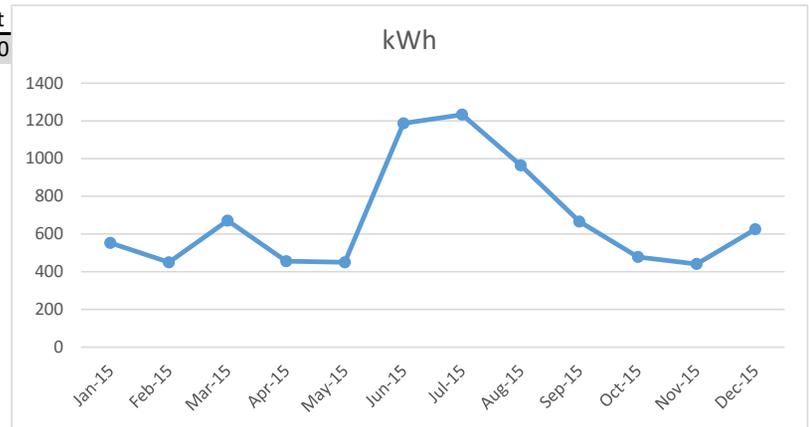
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Feb-16	553	\$78.00	\$0.1410			
Mar-16	564	\$80.00	\$0.1418			
Apr-16	494	\$70.00	\$0.1417			
May-16	622	\$89.00	\$0.1431			
Jun-16	980	\$141.00	\$0.1439			
Jul-16	1169	\$169.00	\$0.1446			
Aug-16	1321	\$193.00	\$0.1461			
Sep-16	577	\$84.37	\$0.1462			
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Nov-16	646	\$94.19	\$0.1458			
Dec-16	600	\$87.56	\$0.1459			



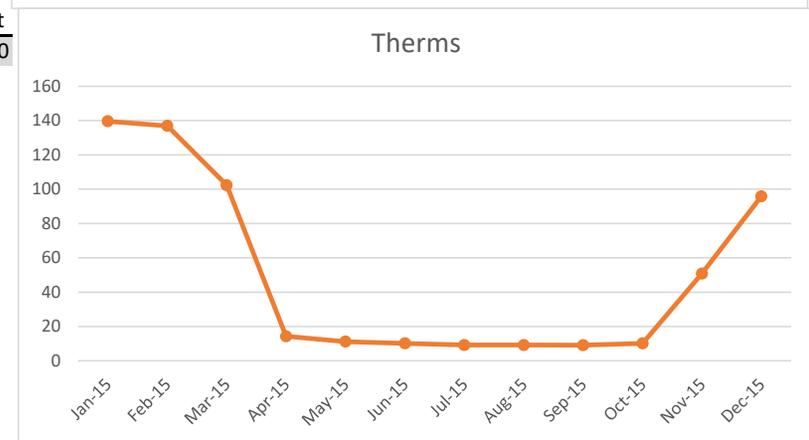
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Jan-16	129.7	\$61.62		\$0.4751	42.91	514.9	\$263.27
Feb-16	112.3	\$51.22		\$0.4561			
Mar-16	35.8	\$18.08		\$0.5050			
Apr-16	27.7	\$13.83		\$0.4993			
May-16	15.4	\$8.17		\$0.5305			
Jun-16	9.2	\$4.97		\$0.5402			
Jul-16	10.2	\$6.13		\$0.6010			
Aug-16	10.2	\$6.26		\$0.6137			
Sep-16	9.2	\$5.68		\$0.6174			
Oct-16	11.2	\$7.36		\$0.6571			
Nov-16	27	\$15.47		\$0.5730			
Dec-16	117	\$64.48		\$0.5511			



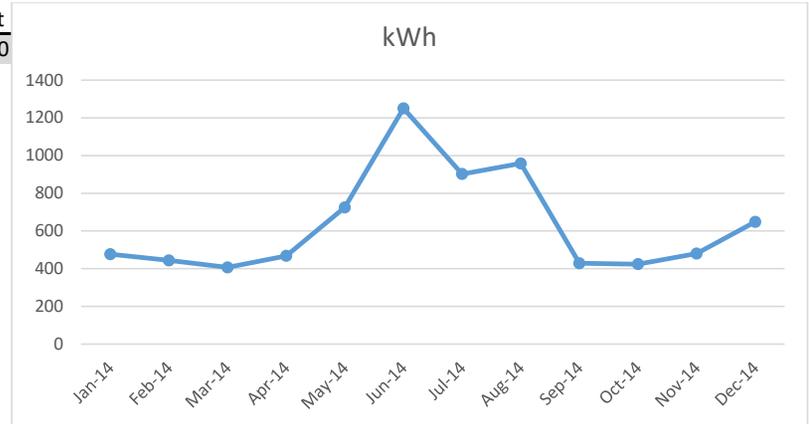
Electricity	kWh	Cost	Rate	Average kWh	Total kWh	Total Cost
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Feb-15	450	\$64.00	\$0.1422			
Mar-15	671	\$95.60	\$0.1425			
Apr-15	456	\$65.00	\$0.1425			
May-15	450	\$64.00	\$0.1422			
Jun-15	1,187	\$169.00	\$0.1424			
Jul-15	1,233	\$175.00	\$0.1419			
Aug-15	964	\$136.00	\$0.1411			
Sep-15	666	\$94.00	\$0.1411			
Oct-15	478	\$68.00	\$0.1423			
Nov-15	441	\$63.00	\$0.1429			
Dec-15	625	\$90.00	\$0.1440			



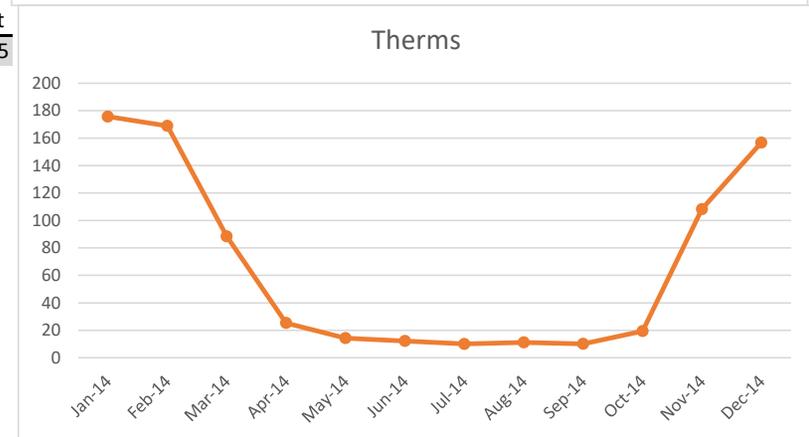
Gas	Therms	Cost	Service	Rate	Average Therms	Total Therms	Total Cost
Jan-15	139.6	\$97.45		\$0.6981	49.90	598.8	\$383.20
Feb-15	136.9	\$85.81		\$0.6268			
Mar-15	102.3	\$70.91		\$0.6932			
Apr-15	14.3	\$9.99		\$0.6986			
May-15	11.2	\$8.25		\$0.7366			
Jun-15	10.2	\$7.63		\$0.7480			
Jul-15	9.2	\$6.59		\$0.7163			
Aug-15	9.2	\$5.75		\$0.6250			
Sep-15	9.1	\$5.51		\$0.6055			
Oct-15	10.2	\$5.94		\$0.5824			
Nov-15	50.8	\$26.59		\$0.5234			
Dec-15	95.8	\$52.78		\$0.5509			



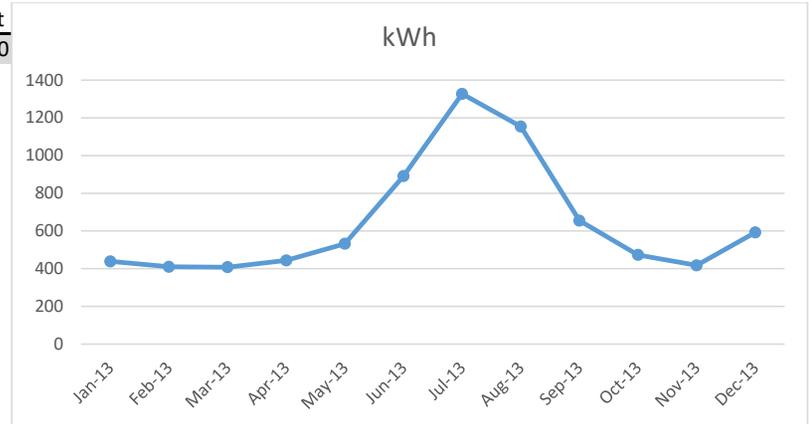
Electricity	kWh	Cost	Rate	Average kWh	Total kWh	Total Cost
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Feb-14	444	\$63.00	\$0.1419			
Mar-14	407	\$58.00	\$0.1425			
Apr-14	468	\$67.00	\$0.1432			
May-14	725	\$103.00	\$0.1421			
Jun-14	1,250	\$177.00	\$0.1416			
Jul-14	902	\$128.00	\$0.1419			
Aug-14	958	\$137.00	\$0.1430			
Sep-14	429	\$62.00	\$0.1445			
Oct-14	424	\$61.00	\$0.1439			
Nov-14	480	\$70.00	\$0.1458			
Dec-14	648	\$95.00	\$0.1466			



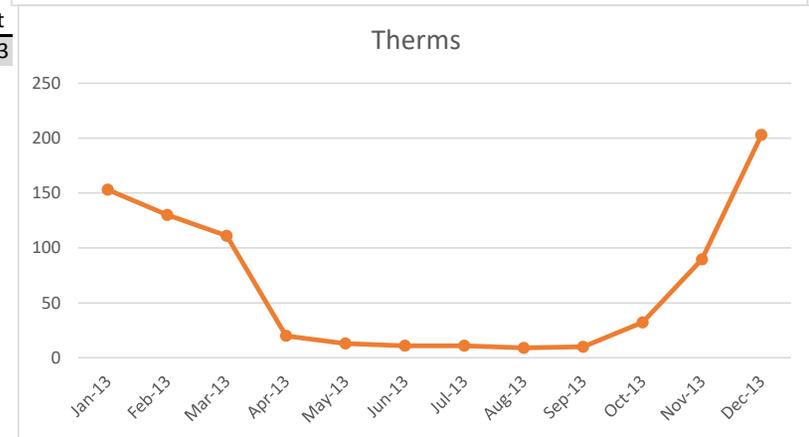
Gas	Therms	Cost	Service	Rate	Average Therms	Total Therms	Total Cost
Jan-14	175.7	\$131.85		\$0.7504	66.75	801	\$603.95
Feb-14	168.9	\$126.40		\$0.7484			
Mar-14	88.5	\$68.54		\$0.7745			
Apr-14	25.4	\$20.94		\$0.8244			
May-14	14.3	\$11.66		\$0.8154			
Jun-14	12.2	\$9.80		\$0.8033			
Jul-14	10.1	\$8.02		\$0.7941			
Aug-14	11.2	\$8.69		\$0.7759			
Sep-14	10.2	\$7.93		\$0.7775			
Oct-14	19.4	\$15.11		\$0.7789			
Nov-14	108.3	\$76.76		\$0.7088			
Dec-14	156.8	\$118.25		\$0.7541			



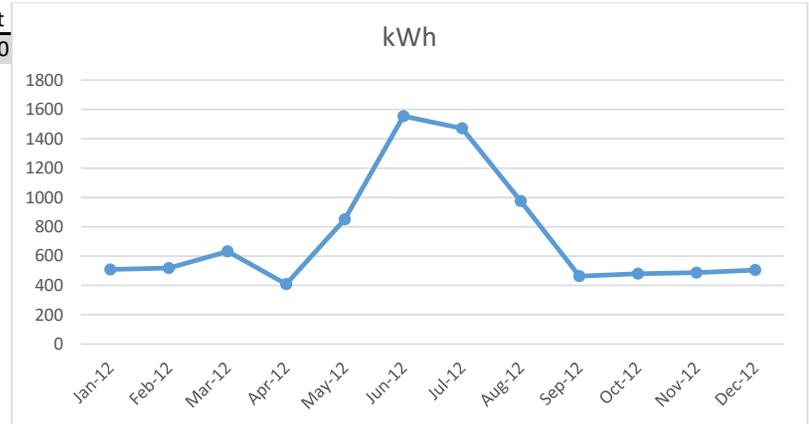
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Jan-13	439	\$62.00	\$0.1412	645.25	7743	\$1,117.00
Feb-13	410	\$59.00	\$0.1439			
Mar-13	408	\$59.00	\$0.1446			
Apr-13	444	\$64.00	\$0.1441			
May-13	532	\$76.00	\$0.1429			
Jun-13	891	\$128.00	\$0.1437			
Jul-13	1327	\$191.00	\$0.1439			
Aug-13	1154	\$167.00	\$0.1447			
Sep-13	655	\$95.00	\$0.1450			
Oct-13	473	\$69.00	\$0.1459			
Nov-13	418	\$61.00	\$0.1459			
Dec-13	592	\$86.00	\$0.1453			



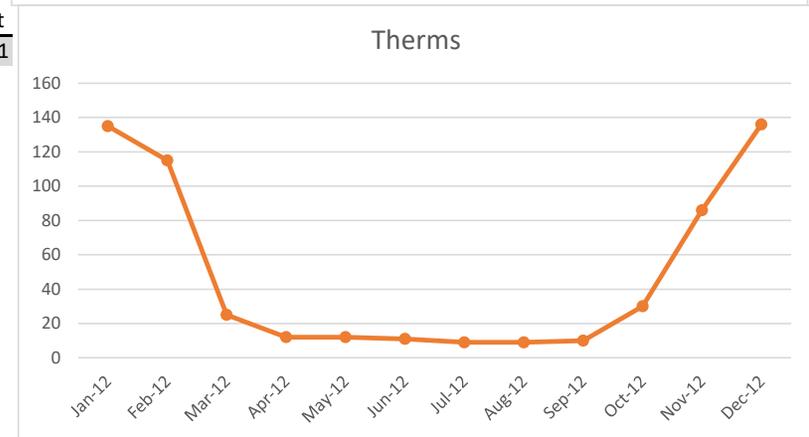
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Jan-13	153	\$101.61		\$0.6641	66.06	792.7	\$537.93
Feb-13	130	\$82.65		\$0.6358			
Mar-13	111	\$68.85		\$0.6203			
Apr-13	20	\$14.67		\$0.7335			
May-13	13	\$9.89		\$0.7608			
Jun-13	11	\$8.34		\$0.7582			
Jul-13	11	\$7.99		\$0.7264			
Aug-13	9	\$6.92		\$0.7689			
Sep-13	10	\$7.47		\$0.7470			
Oct-13	32.2	\$23.37		\$0.7258			
Nov-13	89.6	\$63.12		\$0.7045			
Dec-13	202.9	\$143.05		\$0.7050			



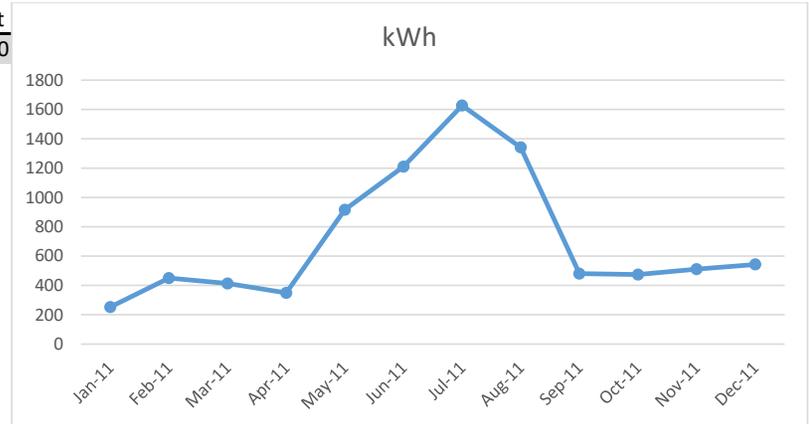
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Jan-12	509	\$74.00	\$0.1454	737.92	8855	\$1,235.00
Feb-12	519	\$73.00	\$0.1407			
Mar-12	632	\$89.00	\$0.1408			
Apr-12	409	\$58.00	\$0.1418			
May-12	851	\$117.00	\$0.1375			
Jun-12	1554	\$215.00	\$0.1384			
Jul-12	1471	\$203.00	\$0.1380			
Aug-12	975	\$133.00	\$0.1364			
Sep-12	463	\$65.00	\$0.1404			
Oct-12	480	\$67.00	\$0.1396			
Nov-12	487	\$69.00	\$0.1417			
Dec-12	505	\$72.00	\$0.1426			



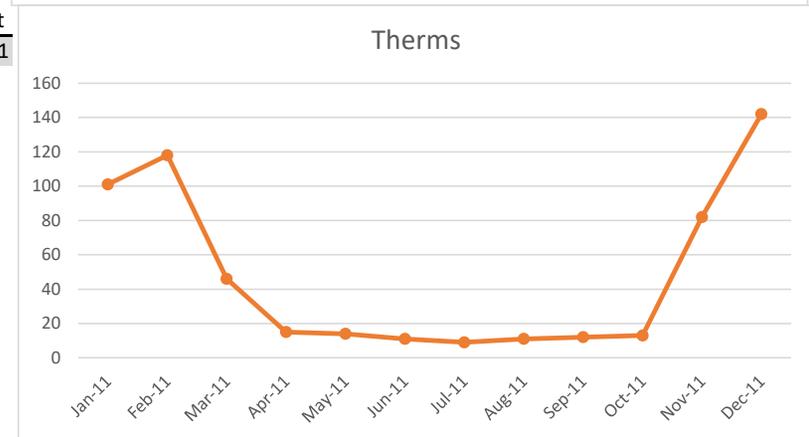
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Jan-12	135	\$95.70		\$0.7089	49.17	590	\$392.81
Feb-12	115	\$74.80		\$0.6504			
Mar-12	25	\$21.50		\$0.8600			
Apr-12	12	\$7.19		\$0.5992			
May-12	12	\$7.11		\$0.5925			
Jun-12	11	\$6.91		\$0.6282			
Jul-12	9	\$5.75		\$0.6389			
Aug-12	9	\$5.73		\$0.6367			
Sep-12	10	\$6.15		\$0.6150			
Oct-12	30	\$18.55		\$0.6183			
Nov-12	86	\$56.83		\$0.6608			
Dec-12	136	\$86.59		\$0.6367			



Electricity	kWh	Cost	Rate	Average kWh	Total kWh	Total Cost
Jan-11	253	\$36.00	\$0.1423	714.00	8568	\$1,243.00
Feb-11	450	\$64.00	\$0.1422			
Mar-11	413	\$61.00	\$0.1477			
Apr-11	349	\$52.00	\$0.1490			
May-11	916	\$133.00	\$0.1452			
Jun-11	1210	\$174.00	\$0.1438			
Jul-11	1627	\$234.00	\$0.1438			
Aug-11	1341	\$193.00	\$0.1439			
Sep-11	481	\$71.00	\$0.1476			
Oct-11	474	\$70.00	\$0.1477			
Nov-11	511	\$75.00	\$0.1468			
Dec-11	543	\$80.00	\$0.1473			



Gas	Therms	Cost	Service	Rate	Average Therms	Total Therms	Total Cost
Jan-11	101	\$72.51		\$0.7179	47.83	574	\$420.41
Feb-11	118	\$88.78		\$0.7524			
Mar-11	46	\$35.06		\$0.7622			
Apr-11	15	\$11.66		\$0.7773			
May-11	14	\$10.41		\$0.7436			
Jun-11	11	\$8.20		\$0.7455			
Jul-11	9	\$6.76		\$0.7511			
Aug-11	11	\$8.22		\$0.7473			
Sep-11	12	\$8.53		\$0.7108			
Oct-11	13	\$9.28		\$0.7138			
Nov-11	82	\$59.22		\$0.7222			
Dec-11	142	\$101.78		\$0.7168			



Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing

CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 45990

If you would like to speak tonight, complete this form and return it to the OUCC table.

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NAME Genie Fyffe

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812-473-3406

CITY & ZIP CODE Evansville 47714

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE Genie Fyffe DATE 2/29/2024

Thank you for your time.

If you are providing written comments, you can include them on this form or attach a separate document.

I listened to many public comments at the meeting. I concluded that Center Point is a very profitable company that does not have to watch its spending or be fiscally responsible because their answer is to just ask for a rate increase. Unfortunately their requests are generally granted. They give too much of our money to charity, they get the tax benefits. They pay their CEO too much etc. causing Evansville to have extreme rates. It's hurting people, non profits, and the whole community. Please limit speakers to 3 minutes per person. Thank you.

You may continue your comments on the back of this sheet or attach them. Thank you.

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NAME Norwanda Macke

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL 812 449 0221

CITY & ZIP CODE Evansville IN 47720

Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? *(circle one)* SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

self

SIGNATURE Norwanda Macke DATE 2/29/2024

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where do you live? How would you feel about raising prices that are already the highest in the state? Think about it!

FORM 4-2008

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Feb 23, 24

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Dear Sir

I am not in favor of
the rate increase for
Central Point Energy. ^{their} ~~your~~
rates are the highest for
our area. People have
a hard time paying
their bills now.

Arline Eshay
3510 Detroit Rd
Eversville, Ia 47920

Rivera, Olivia

From: Jean Webb <jeanwebb68@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:36 PM
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Jean Webb - CenterPint 45990

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I have prepared three letters. I have copied them sequentially. Thank you.

Dear Regulators,

It has been about a decade since the last official rate hike, but our bills have been rising due to the money CenterPoint has been allowed to spend via trackers.

Utilities claimed trackers would save ratepayers money through fewer expensive rate hearings. However, the counter argument was that less scrutiny of their spending would raise utility bills. I believe the latter has happened in these intervening years.

I am asking that you fine-tooth comb through their spending and disallow anything that is excessive. The gap between the utility bills from municipal utilities (Owensboro) and investor owned utilities (Evansville) has gotten so large that many of our residents are choosing to leave.

This is from a dear friend that has made the move across the state line- 360 kWh for \$58.14

Billing Details			
PREVIOUS BALANCE			129.76
01/22/2024 PAYMENTS RECEIVED - THANK YOU			-129.76
BALANCE FORWARD			0.00
Electric Meter	Multiplier	Reading Date	
██████████		12/22/2023 to 01/24/2024	
	Previous Read	Current Read	Usage
kWh	19,220	19,580	360
ELECTRIC CUSTOMER CHARGE			16.50
ENERGY			34.42
ENERGY COST ADJ @ 0.01690			6.08
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COST ADJ @ 0.00318			1.14
TOTAL-OMU ELECTRIC CHARGES-THIS METER			58.14

This is for my 307 kWh for \$73.92

Detailed Account Activity

Electric Service

Meter Number	Service Period		Number of Days	Meter Readings		Multiplier	Electric Rate	Category	kWh Used This Period
	From	To		Beginning	Ending				
[REDACTED]	01/24/24	02/22/24	29	2824A	3131A	1	RS	KWH	307

Current Electric Charges **\$69.08**

(Includes a Service Charge of \$10.84)

State Sales Tax **\$4.84**
Total Electric Charges **\$73.92**

I hope that you review all the CenterPoint spending and REDUCE the electric rates, not increase them. CenterPoint will drive all our residents, and workforce across "that money saving bridge."

Sincerely
Jean Webb
201 Montclair Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

Hello,

My name is Jean Webb, thank you for hearing my concerns today.

I'm upset with the CenterPoint Return on Equity rate of 10.4%, and their request to also earn that rate for cloud services.

A high ROE drives a utility's profitability, and the Southern Indiana captive ratepayers have been disproportionately driving the CenterPoint profits for their entire corporation. Evansville has a huge segment of households living in poverty. We shouldn't be enriching CenterPoint quite so excessively. The 10.4% ROE must be DRASTICALLY cut.

In addition, technology has changed so that the purchased mainframes and packages of software, which all qualified for the ROE, have been replaced by cloud services, and services are not subject to the ROE. That's a win for our side. DO NOT give that win back to them. Cloud services are not, and should not, earn an ROE.

Sincerely
Jean Webb
201 Montclair Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

Hello,

My name is Jean Webb, thank you for coming to hear our concerns.

I am upset with the residential customers subsidizing the industrial customers. And, the proposal of supplying green energy to Industrials and NOT Residential.

I have been involved with the Vectren/CenterPoint IRPs since 2011. I've attended countless meetings to advocate for Clean, Affordable energy.

At each cycle of IRP meetings, there have been mysterious, unnamed industrial customers potentially relocating to our service territory that will require massive baseload, as justification that expensive generation be built.

Without the demand from the industrials, and the ever-promised new industrial customers, we would not be building the planet destroying new fossil fuel infrastructure running from Robards Ky, under our drinking source, the Ohio River, to the AB Brown site. The residential users have reduced demand. With the exception of AstraZeneca that has installed solar, the area Industrials have not invested in on-site power generation to reduce their demand. That horrid AB Brown gas plant and that \$20 million a year rent on the new pipeline should be solely funded by the Industrials- not Residentials.

But instead, CenterPoint is proposing that Industrials with ESG commitments to meet, not invest shareholder money to place solar panels on their roofs and parking lots, but instead let CenterPoint provide only to them (not residential customers), cheap clean energy. Such a proposal would remove any incentive for these Industrials to install their own solar, and it would promote poor land use of open agricultural lands for utility scale instead. We need both on-site AND then utility scale as needed, after the roofs and parking lots are filled.

It is imperative that the ESG goals do as intended, and lift all boats- the greening of the grid should be equally accessible to both residential and industrial customers. And the industrial customers need to cover the costs of the AB Brown climate disaster because it is their load that justified its being built in the first place.

Sincerely
Jean Webb
201 Montclair Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Jodi Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: utility costs
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:53:16 PM

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I'm in hope's that our Center Point energy costs will not increase anymore than it already has..

we're on a constant disconnect notice because we can not afford our Gas and Electric Bill at the cost it is now ..

I'm Praying that the cost of our Center Point Energy bill does not increase even more

Thank You
Jodi Miller-Gates
Center Point energy customer
account number 

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Rodocker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzanne Rodocker - Centerpoint
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:31:21 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I live in a single wide trailer and total electric, I always keep my thermostat on 58 degrees in the winter to try and have a low electric bill I have lived here 18 years and I have never had a bill this high before. I am hoping that centerpoint doesn't get the raises they are asking for I have included my bill that i got for January

Sincerely,
Suzanne Rodocker

CenterPoint Energy: 800-227-1376 or visit CenterPointEnergy.com
 Call Before You Dig: 811 or 800-382-5544 | Relay Indiana: 800-743-3333

Your Account Information

Account Number:

[REDACTED]

Service Address:

SUZANNE L. RODOCKER

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 7664

Previous Bill Amount

\$154.79

Payment(s) Received

\$154.79

Balance Carried Forward

\$0.00

Delivery and Supply Charges

\$304.82

Charges This Period

\$304.82

Total Amount Due:

\$304.82

Detailed Account Activity

2023 **Electric Service**

Meter Number	Service Period		Number of Days	Meter Readings		Multiplier	Electric Rate	Category	kWh Used This Period
	From	To		Beginning	Ending				
[REDACTED]	12/20/23	01/26/24	37	41689A	43526A	1	RS	KWH	1837

Current Electric Charges **\$277.87**

(Includes a Service Charge of \$13.37)

State Sales Tax \$19.44
Total Electric Charges \$297.31

Outdoor Lighting

Outdoor Lighting

\$7.02

State Sales Tax

Total Outdoor Lighting

\$0.49

\$7.51

From: [Tom](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tom Donnelly - Reject Centerpoint Energy Rate Increase Demand
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:45:58 AM

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Cause No 45990

Tom Donnelly
8200 Chestnut Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630
Centerpoint Account# 

The requested rate increase by Centerpoint Energy is unjustified and should be resoundingly rejected.

When you have a legalized monopoly there is no initiative to control the increase of costs and there is no need to be concerned with effectively reducing costs. Any real company that operates in a competitive environment is forced to be concerned with cost control. That is not the case of Centerpoint. Any and all expenses are simply added up and included in the next rate increase request.

You continue to rubber stamp the rate increase requests with little regard for the economic cost to both residential and commercial Centerpoint customers that have no other choices as we are bound by one provider. The proposed rate increases will reduce the growth rate of the area and will curtail investment in manufacturing, retail, and home building industries. Increased costs of energy provided by Centerpoint is not able to be passed on by commercial customers in the cost of their products and is not affordable except by the most affluent residential customers in the Evansville, southwestern general area.

If I was to open a manufacturing business in an area serviced by Centerpoint or by Duke Energy, I would select the area serviced by Duke Energy. It comes down to cost of operation and quality of service. Neither are a strength of Centerpoint Energy.

Any time we see white Vectren trucks, automobiles, or pickup trucks on the roads driving we all know our rates are going to be increasing. The office building down on the river and the huge number of employees as well as numerous consultants and contractors is inflated and cost-ineffective. When your overhead costs can rise without constraint and costs can be routinely

recovered by yet another rate increase, there is no need for a legalized monopoly like Centerpoint to perform any cost cutting activities.

You seriously need to investigate and thoroughly understand the Centerpoint Corporation overhead charges allocated to the various divisions of Centerpoint. In particular, those allocated to the local energy producing facility. I guarantee there are an inordinate amount allocated, burdening that facility with an undue amount that is included in the current rate increase demand.

One of the most common jokes in Evansville are the three biggest focuses for Centerpoint – We love our lobbyists because they bribe and grease the palms of all the politicians so we can get all our rate increases through legislation. We have to have all our attorneys (to protect our assets and bail us out when we mess up). God Bless those accountants , they count all the piles of our money!

From: [Ansty, Margaret \(Maggie\)](#) on behalf of [Holcomb, Eric J \(GOV\)](#)
To: [Rivera, Olivia](#)
Subject: FW: CenterPoint Energy Bills - Southwest Indiana
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:03:44 PM

From: Rachel Wagner <rachelwagnerrealestate@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 10:43 AM
To: Holcomb, Eric J (GOV) <GovHolcomb@gov.in.gov>
Subject: CenterPoint Energy Bills - Southwest Indiana

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Governor Holcomb,

As a fellow republican and resident of the State of Indiana, I am reaching out to you for some help. I would like to get your eyes on the situation happening in Evansville/Newburgh, Indiana. Our area is monopolized by CenterPoint energy with MANY residents electric and gas bills going well over \$1,000 for 30 days of usage. The rates are not the only issue. The distribution charges are completely out of control. We moved from one side of town to the other and our distribution rate as tripled.

As a personal example. Last month, my family and I used \$30 worth of gas, but were billed for that \$30 and then also a \$90 distribution charge, plus fees and other charges. Residents are truly planning on how they can move from our state (you can move just 10 minutes south and be in Kentucky) to relieve themselves of these enormous and unrealistic energy bills.

As our governor, we are looking to you for help in this matter. We have some of the highest energy rates in the entire country, when someone a county over from us, that has access to a different electric company, pays normal rates. Our residents are keeping their heat around 60 degrees, and staying cold inside, and still getting bills that they cannot afford.

This is just not sustainable for people here. My husband and I make over \$200,000.00/year in income and we still find the rates to be so ridiculous, that if there are no changes, we will move out of state once our daughter graduates high school. As, this is not a new problem, this has gone on for years, but has gotten so much worse over the last year.

It feels the people of Southern Indiana are part of a ploy and have no choice but to move.

The city of Evansville is plagued with high crime rates and poverty. By taking no action, you will be pushing fiscally responsible and conservative residents out of state. While we could just move locally to another county (Warrick and Vanderburgh counties seem to be the only two affected), we refuse to stay in a state where the Governor has completely abandoned hundreds of thousands of residents who are begging for help.

We would like you to take a look at the Facebook page : DAACE // Direct Action Against Center Point Energy // (Southern IN)

Here you will see true examples of this problem.

What needs to happen? Not only should the rate hikes Center Point energy is proposing be denied, they should be required by law to remove the excessive distribution charges and refund what they have stolen from us.

I look forward to hearing how you might be of help.

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Rachel M Wagner

Real Estate Broker/REALTOR®

RE/MAX Revolution



812.550.5727

RachelWagnerRealEstate@gmail.com

From: [Ansty, Margaret \(Maggie\)](#)
To: [Rivera, Olivia](#)
Subject: CenterPoint
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:33:44 AM

My name is Becky Mosby and I am writing on behalf of my fellow Evansville, Indiana residents and community members. CenterPoint has filed a petition to raise their rate costs in three separate phases under Cause Number 45990. Myself, and many other Evansville residents, are disappointed, outraged, and hurt by this cause.

This petition will raise Centerpoint's annual revenue by nearly \$120 million dollars, or 16%, at the expense of our community. According to Data USA, Evansville's poverty rate is 19.9% and only has a median annual income of \$45,000, only 61% of the national median income. Furthermore, we have a disparity of nearly \$11,000 in median annual income of men versus women. It is clearly visible that the Evansville community is not in a position to provide CenterPoint with the financial increases they demand without serious and detrimental consequences.

Myself, and others, have shared public outcry and faced hardship already after a rate increase that is not even a part of their petition. CenterPoint is already charging Evansville residents at a rate that results in average monthly bills 5% higher than the national average when our median income is only 61% that of the national median income.

Direct Action Against CenterPoint Energy (DAACE) has been taking action by following through with their mission "to facilitate and effect economic and environmental justice solutions for captive utility ratepayers in southwestern Indiana through public education, civic engagement, advocacy, and community building." Additionally, the DAACE Facebook page is a forum to find many testimonials from the Evansville community at large.

[Ms. Becky L. Mosby](#)

bls11758@yahoo.com

18511 Somerville Court

Evansville, Indiana 47725-7900 IN08

Home: (812) 901-8399

From: [None Ya](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Desirae Chavez - Rate increase for southern Indiana
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:30:25 PM

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My name is Desirae Chavez, and I am a resident of Evansville In. On Thursday night February 29 my husband and myself were at the 6pm meeting. We did not speak because we are very private people but wanted be to more bodies in that building that night to show we stand with our community. We are not from Southern Indiana, we are actually from souther California. We lived in Henderson Kentucky for two years and decided Indiana had more to offer our family that alined with how we wanted to raise our 3 children. My husband was honorably discharged from the Marines in 2014 and that was the yr we decided to make the mid-west our home. We brought our first home here in Evansville Indiana. It's a beautiful home. When we brought our home we could not buy one that exceeded 20% of our monthly income. With this rate hike request CenterPoint's asking for 20-40% of our income. We will leave this state if we must. I can not do it anymore!! My electric bill was 936.00 plus a 2.50 fee to pay that billfor the month of January. Now my February bill is 696.00. How am I going to do this. I have my vehicle registration due. A water bill due, daycare to pay, food to buy, I need gas in our vehicles to get to our jobs. I used to be a stay at home mom now I don't get that luxury because of centerpoint I must work and add another bill that is childcare. We don't qualify for help because they say our income is too much. We are struggling. I used to be happy here I'm not anymore. I'm down right miserable. Every single day I'm stressed. I can't sleep, I can't eat, I can't think clearly, I AM STRESSED!! I can't let my husband know he had PTSD so bad he will think he is failing is husband and father when he is not. We have done everything right, we play by the rules, we pay our taxes, we contribute to society in a positive way. This will kill our dream this will kill our future and I can't imagine how many others this will actually kill. Things are already hard as it is for everyone why make it harder on us. No one in this city can afford this. I can't afford a good bill for me to be 600 monthly I just can't see how that would be conducive to any lifestyle Taking 30% of a household income on 1 utility. It's vial and disgusting!! 30% IS ROBBERY!! I propose a rate reduction. Ever since they came along my bill has done nothing but double. When Vectren was here I had new windows and insulation installed. I replace the hvac system. My monthly bill in the dead of summer was 300 at most. When centerpoint took over my bill doubled. Their rates are too high. We set our thermostat at 65 in the winter and I'm sorry that is cold inside. I'm not comfortable in my own home anymore. In the summer I set it at 83, that is disgusting on a humid day let me tell you. I'm tired so tired. Please help us help us say NO BUT ALSO PLEASE REDUSE THE RATES. We are struggling!!

From: [Brittney Short](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittney Short - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:38:38 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

My name is Brittney Short

I could come up here and tell you about how this price increase will affect my middle class family. I am married with two kids, three dogs and three cats. I can talk about how we haven't had a family vacation since 2020 or about how our grocery bill has tripled in just the past 6 months. But I feel you are going to hear that story a lot today. Because I hear it everyday from my neighbors, friends, and colleagues. We are all on the same struggle. While I shouldn't have to, I can donate plasma to make up the difference. While I shouldn't have to, I can get a part time weekend job to make up the difference.

So instead I want to reintroduce myself to you
hello, I am Brittney Short, license Masters Social Worker. I work in home health care. When my colleagues assess a patient and feel interventions and community resources are needed, I am brought in to evaluate and educate patients and their families to their rights along with the programs available to them.

Evansville, Indiana has a large invisible population. These individuals are disabled and a lot live off of social security alone while others also have a small pension. The average age range I serve is 55-91 years old.

When I assess these individuals I assess their incomes, assets, supports and needs.

Incomes Range from \$500 to \$2500 per month. The average rent ranges from \$128 to \$900 per month
(The Rent is on the lower side if they are lucky enough to have section 8 or live in Evansville housing authorities apartment units such as shutte towers.) some of these individuals still have mortgages.

Some individuals qualify for food assistance the average food cost have tripled monthly for these individuals

The water and sewer mandate has increased their water and sewer utility bills And they are already paying increased electric from centerpoint from the past year. Most stating they have no idea how much it has increased per month on average because they don't know what to expect from month and have no idea how their bill can fluctuate so much from one month to the next when their use is pretty consistent.

Some of these individuals are blessed with family support and most do have families, but due to the above mentioned economic issues, they too have to work to support their own households. This leaves these individuals struggling to find transportation to healthcare

appointments, or to the grocery store, so instead they have to pay extra for grocery delivery or for transportation.

reliable transportation cost an estimate of around 100 round trip here in the tristate. Due to medical diagnosis public transportation is not usually an option for them.

Most of these individuals are on Medicare insurance. This insurance operates like an 80% 20% insurance. Medicare cover 80% and the patient pays 20%. If they want dental eye or any other supplement such as part D for medication they have to pay extra out of their social security check

On top of everything already mentioned above, They still have to pay for their prescriptions out of pocket. If they are on oxygen or need a wheelchair they also have to pay a monthly rental fee.

I have been told by patients some months they have to decide if they will pay for their centerpoint bill or their blood thinner or oxygen rental fee. Some of these patients are on continuous oxygen, Wear bipaps or cpaps.

Paying an electric bill should never put a persons health at risk. Having to choose between electric and food should never have to be an option. Choosing between paying an electric bill and seeing their physician should never be a delima.

Choosing between electric and a blood thinner puts an individual at risk of rehospitalizarion, which increases their medical cost which then starts them on this revolving door of health versus home.

People heal better at home. But how can they do that when home has become too expensive to maintain?

Raising electric rates will put my families already tight budget in even more financial strain

But raising the rates can mean life or health for thousands of Evansville residents because the current rates are already too high.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Brittney Short
213 Christ Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [JE Dunn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Dunn - CenterPoint rate request, IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:03:57 PM

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The pending rate increase by CenterPoint is NOT justified. Since they purchased Vectren, they have had rate increases granted for different portions of the total utility charges. Their press releases and mailings cite only one phase of their total monthly billings, but they cite only this one phase as not having already been increased - no mention of the other rate increases they have received.

I believe you should consider what **employee and executive compensation** and **dividends** CenterPoint have paid since they purchased Vectren. Were **bonuses** offered in addition to other compensation? Were those payments (or deferred payments) **comparable to what other Indiana utilities** have paid? Is employee/executive compensation comparable to what other Indiana utilities pay?

Why has CenterPoint not **reinvested** more of their revenue in preparing for future anticipated improvements? Well-managed corporations continually invest in improvements - they do not pay out all the **profits** to employees/executives and shareholders,. And they are guaranteed a profit! **Poor management** is shown when costs they know will be coming are ignored. How have other Indiana utilities continued to provide the same services for a much lower cost?

Since the **gas** used to provide electricity is also purchased from CenterPoint, they have the opportunity to raise the price of gas (profiting in that division of CenterPoint), and then to cite the increased cost of gas when requesting electric rate increases. **Double-dipping!!**

People in Vanderburgh County have already been hit in recent months with large property tax (or rent) increases and water/sewer/trash increased bills. The **average income** of Evansville citizens is well below that of many other cities, but our utility costs are not - even before some of the approved increases are completely phased in.

CenterPoint is a **monopoly** right now. Could that be changed by offering us the right to use another company to provide the gas or electricity we need? Competition is good.

Please do not approve this rate increase.

Janet Dunn
Evansville IN 47714

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremy Stotlar
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:46:49 PM

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Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: To whom it may concern. I am a lifelong citizen of Evansville and I am currently 34 years old. I have lived in my current home since 2014 when we still had Vectren as our provider for electricity and gas. My bills used to fluctuate between \$80 and \$160 depending on the season and temperatures. Since Centerpoint has taken over I have not had a bill less than \$130 while using less electricity and gas from previous years due to energy efficiency improvements and consumer education such as turning lights off when nobody is home. I am the primary bread winner for a family of 3, we would love to have a second child but are afraid to due to not only our current economy and world events but also due to rising local utility costs. Every month that I receive my utility bill from Centerpoint I almost want to cry when I see it has increased drastically from a known previous similar usage bill. One issue I take is they change not only due dates of the bills but they also change how many days they charge such as 24 days one month or 38 the next. Like most other bills I pay it should be from the 1st of the month to the 30th or 31st of the month(with exception of February of course). Another issue are the service and delivery charges for gas. When I used 75 therms of gas theres no reason it should cost over twice the amount to deliver that gas. When we have an unseasonably warm winter or cool summer we shouldn't be punished for conserving energy by receiving a "temperature adjustment" charge . I understand they are a publicly traded business and have to appease shareholders but they shouldn't be allowed continued increases on our rates for their infrastructure improvements. When I need to make home improvements I can't simply ask my job for a raise so why are they allowed to do the same when they continue raking in billions in profits? They are putting a lot of money into renewables which Is great and comes with lower operating costs so why do we have to pay more ? Plenty of families struggle and so far we have been lucky in our household but I know plenty of families locally who struggle through no fault of their own who currently are able to scrape up the money to pay the electricity and gas bill but if it increases beyond what it is now, which are the highest rates in the state as far as I am aware, then they will be forced to choose between eating or having lights and a warm home. Our charities, townships, and churches are simply tapped out financially and cannot afford to help any more families than what they currently do, nor can they offer the current ones any more assistance. I have known several people to move to Henderson, KY because they have a choice of providers, which due to competition they pay lower rates. I know a person who moved from Los Angeles to Evansville and they are talking about moving back because they paid less in utilities. I am sure this will fall on deaf ears as it seems our complaints usually do but I do hope this committee considers the single parent homes where the parent works 3 jobs and has to use an entire paycheck from one if not more to pay to keep their lights on and home warm. I hope the committee sees our elders on social security may be forced to starve due to not having the family or resources to help them pay their electric and gas bills. Thank you for your time.

From: [Alison Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alison Johnson - Centerpoint Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:42:25 PM

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Alison Johnson
Evansville, In 47713
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CENTERPOINT RATE INCREASE

My comments are on behalf of me.

I am a customer of Centerpoint Energy and these rate increases effect me.

I want to stand in direct opposition to the rate increases. We have already been dealing with some of the highest rates in the country, and in relation to the cost of living in Evansville our rates are highest in the country.

I'm tired of being gaslit into these ideas that there is more that each of us can do to on our side to lower our energy consumption as a means to compensate for these rate hykes. We're going under, and you're allowing Centerpoint to push us down. We will not be able to survive this. You're running us out of our homes and our jobs. This capitalist cycle will not sustain us.

I'm a single person with a house I pay a mortgage on, I spend less on housing and bills than anyone else I know. And the only way I make it is keeping my house at 56 degrees in the winter and 90 degrees in the summer. I can't afford to have a roommate that would run my HVAC.

I need you to understand that this choice is gentrifying our entire city.

We dont have the means to do this.

Centerpoint doesn't need it. Get rid of their CEO's bonuses and stock dividends and they would have the money they would need.

What are we covering these costs?

Why is the IURC allowed out money to be syphoned to a business in Texas?? What is happening???

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allan Steele
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 5:27:47 PM

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Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I do not see why Centerpoint needs to follow the Democratic agenda. No way will they conserve enough clean energy to offset China or Indias, use of fossil fuels or their lack of any kind of green energy. Biden has ruined our economy and quite frankly, most people are unable to afford food today, much less any kind of increase in their gas and electric bills. We cannot afford them now. Centerpoint knew what they were getting when they took over Sigeco. As soon as Centerpoint put their name on the bills, our costs went up. Now they want another increase. They need to do improvements with the money they already get from the consumer. Centerpoint has a distribution charge which is more than the cost of the electric or gas. What is that for. I believe you need to look at how they are billing the consumer. Some folks in small houses keeping their thermostats down this winter received \$800.00 bills. No one can afford that. People in Evansville will be freezing to death trying to keep their bills down. Do something to help the citizens who are forced to use Centerpoint and deny this rate increase.

From: [A Whittington](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alyssa Whittington - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:38:07 AM

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My name is Alyssa Whittington. I live in Newburgh, IN 47630. My phone number is 812-455-7355. I'm writing about the latest centerpoint energy request to increase their rates. I'm writing on behalf of my family and fellow community members. We are all customers of centerpoint because we don't have the option to use another company since they have a monopoly. Our rates are already astronomical. People already are struggling to pay or just CANNOT pay these prices. Please do not hurt our community even more by allowing our bills to continue to raise. People are hurting. People are struggling. The fact that we have such high rates already is insane. The fact that they can continue to try to raise the rates is ridiculous. If anything they should be lowered.

Thank you for your time,
Alyssa Whittington

From: [Cindy Meeks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Meeks - IURC Cause No. 45990 CenterPoint Energy
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:06:20 AM

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I am writing you regarding the continued rate hike on our energy cost by CenterPoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45990 here in Evansville IN.

I built a home in 2000 and put in 6 inch insulation followed by blue board and brick. Yes that is way above code even now and at that time everyone thought we were extremely going overboard with the extra cost of the insulation. My husband, whom is now disabled, wanted to assure us that no matter what happened, we would be able to afford energy in our home. Well here it is 2024 and my energy bills are greater than \$490/ month for a single family home. I am a nurse and working full time and typically work some overtime, but I cannot keep up. What has changed? Why am I so broke? The answer is simply the one thing out of my control is the energy cost. We keep our home @ 65-66 degrees by winter and it does not matter the bill continue to rise. Vectren used to give those of us that are pure electric a break however Centerpoint does not. It is not my fault that Centerpoint has opted out of running natural gas to my road, but it is Centerpoint fault for not giving me a break when I have no option but to use energy.

As a nurse I have not only gone to school to obtain my bachelors degree, but I have tended to many people to save their lives. I used not to comprehend why the elderly would have only 1 light on or so many rooms blocked off; however I now unfortunately get it as I am doing the same thing!

I do not begin to comprehend why a utility is allowed to take and take but not give. Those that head up the utilities make a wage significantly higher than a nurse, but yet they save no lives. Why are the head of the utilities making such large sums of money? The CEO salary of centerpoint Evansville was 37.8 million in 2020, which is more than I will make as a nurse in my entire life. Perhaps Centerpoint should have no one in their facility / business make no more than a nurse does. Yes, put all of their managers, CEO and other "important people" at the same salary, which is actually below \$30/hr for a nurse then we all would be having the same worries. There is a lot of talk on how important nurses are but we cannot afford to live when CEO make greater than 37.8 million (it is up from now as that was per yahoo with date of 2020).

Please lower our rates. Please make it where we can live where we grew up

Sincerely
Cindy Meeks
2001 E Diamond Ave
Evansville IN 47711
812 455 3952

From: [Stephen Brenner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen Brenner - Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:38:24 PM

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. We can't afford any more increases!

It is very concerning that in Shane Bradford's submitted testimony on page 10 he states that "The Five Pillars frequently work against each other, and so that is why all five must be considered together with not one pillar seen as superior and exclusive to the others."

Clearly, Mr. Bradford is not familiar with IC-8-1-2-05 which states, "The general assembly declares that it is the continuing policy of the state, in cooperation with local governments and other concerned public and private organizations, to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to create and maintain conditions under which utilities plan for and invest in infrastructure necessary for operation and maintenance while protecting the affordability of utility services for present and future generations of Indiana citizens."

In 2023, The 21ST CENTURY ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE specifically states in their report that " The affordability of electricity has become a more important concern because electricity prices in Indiana are no longer, as they once were, among the lowest of the fifty (50) states."

The Task Force also found that, "The five pillars of reliability, resilience, stability, affordability, and environmental sustainability are the foundation of Indiana's energy policy. Any consideration of the state's energy policy, or any statutory changes affecting the state's energy policy, should take into account the impact on the five pillars, both individually and as a whole."

The 2023 Report has a key finding of the Task Force which states, "The Task Force has determined that the transition to an increased reliance on renewable energy resources must be managed in a way that doesn't compromise the reliability, resiliency, and stability of electric utility service, and that maintains affordability for all customer classes." Utility companies MUST take into consideration if the rate increase maintains affordability for all customer classes.

And finally, the Task Force requires under the definition of Affordability that "(4) Affordability: Reliable, resilient, and stable electricity is an essential service for Indiana residents, businesses, and manufacturers. Decisions regarding Indiana's generation resource mix and ratemaking constructs must result in retail electric service that is affordable across the residential, commercial, and industrial customer classes."

As such, if the rate increase results in electric service that is not affordable across all the customer classes, the decision must be to deny the rate increase request.

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT

CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Why should the people of Evansville have to pay for Centerpoints upgrades and additions? We can't go the bank and charge them when we do remodel work to our houses so why should we absorb Centerpoints cost? Those cost should come out of their profits and bonuses. They have found a cash cow in the people of southern Indians and using them to pay for their losses elsewhere in the United States like the damages they received in Texas.

Let Evansville buy the grid and create a municipality and see where if our cost go down.

THE PEOPLE OF EVANSVILLE ARE TIRED OF THEM TAKING THE ADVANTAGE OF US!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda Bockstege](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Hammers - Center Point Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:45:22 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the rate increases that I'm hearing Center Point is proposing in the near future. I reside in Southern Indiana where Center Point is our only option for energy. However, they have been increasing our rates for years to a point where there have been months where our energy bill was nearly our mortgage payment. I'm speaking from experience when I say that this puts the regular families in a constant position of keeping their lights on, or being able to put food on the table for their families. The economy is already hard on families right now as it is - and Center Point is only making things harder. I have even considered moving to another state for the sole purpose of getting away from Center Point, and based on other conversations I have had with others in my area, I'm not the only one feeling that way either.

I urge you to reconsider approving any further rate increases, and please keep our struggling families in mind. It would be even better if our rates could be lowered to help the families in our area be able to afford staying in our homes, but I understand the likelihood of that happening is very, very low.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration on this.

Amanda Hammers

From: [Betsy Emhuff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Betsy Emhuff - Center Point
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 4:58:47 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am shocked by Center Point's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50.00 every month, and over \$63.00 a month for folks with electric heating. We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade!!! How on earth does Center Point - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month????

Center Point is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food. To be frank, I don't think Center Point deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous!!!

I am a Senior Citizen who lives in a Senior Apartment Building. I live on a very, very fixed income, and I am in debt over \$10,000.00!!!! I am barely making it as is. People who are on fixed incomes, and people who are poor shouldn't have to pay electric bills, and we shouldn't have to pay high electric bills!!!! These assholes at Center Point don't care about people who are living on fixed incomes, and they don't care about poor people!! They are a Communist, money hungry, greedy company, who only cares about getting their money!!!!!! They need to be stopped, and they need to be run out of Evansville!!!!!!

I urge you to reject Center Point's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now they have the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year???? We can't afford any more increases!!!!!!

Thank you very much,

Betsy Emhuff
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Lowe
Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023 4:17:55 PM

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Newburgh
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47630

Utilities: Electricity

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not approve cause 45990 for Centerpoint Energy's rate increase. Centerpoint has been given countless rate increases for both services offered in southern Indiana, usually disguising it under non base rate terms. Regardless of how it's classified, these increases are causing Centerpoint to be the second most expensive with regards to charges to customers in the midwestern US. You grant them increases for their facilities despite making record profits, which should be used to pay for their upgrades, now they want more increases? The average Hoosier doesn't see increases to this extent at all in their private sector job. Given how careless the IURC has been with these cases, I'm surprised Centerpoint doesn't raise the base rate an extra \$1,000 per 1,000 kWh. They're gouging us either way with an increase. This is supposed to be a regulated utility, but my friends in Kentucky and Ohio are just shocked at what Centerpoint does with rate increases in all aspects. The people of the greater Evansville area are poor and can't keep up with this. We see more and more people have disconnections and attempt to circumvent that due to these rate increases. We need electricity to live. This isn't something we can avoid. Please for the love of God, do not grant them this if you have any sense of humanity and compassion to your fellow Hoosiers.

From: [Randy Kennedy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randy Kennedy - Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:49:10 PM

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Hello

This is in regard to Centerpoint rate hike they are already the highest around!!! I used to work for state trying to bring in companies to the area and Centerpoint rates was always the killing fact for them to locate elsewhere !! I have two meters and I get hammered on both this is a monopoly and needs to be controlled! Please do your job and look into this they just got an increase ! The rates need to be brought back in line as the rest of the state pays.

Thank you

Randy

812-453-2518

From: [Priscilla Wolf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Priscilla Wolf - Center Pointe rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:02:44 AM

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I ask you to think carefully about the financial burden southwestern Indiana residents are being asked to take on when you make your decision about Center Pointe's request for a rate increase.

My husband and I are retired and living on a fixed income. We have already seen our utility bills increase substantially with each request Center Pointe has made to increase the amount customers pay. Each increase makes it necessary for us to decide what to cut out of our budget in order to pay the new rates. We are careful about our use of gas and electricity in our home. My husband has health issues that make him very sensitive to cold temperatures, so we keep our thermostat at 68 degrees in the winter. (I would turn it down further, except for these health issues)

An increase of \$47.00 is a hardship for us. I hope you will consider the financial needs of the residents of Southwestern Indiana when you make your decision about the rate increase.

Respectfully

Priscilla Wolf

721 S. Bennighof Avenue
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ron Unfried](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ronald N and Salette C Unfried - Centerpoint Energy
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 7:28:16 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Surely you have received thousand of emails indicating that the monopoly you are suppose to control and manage their power to rape and pilfer the citizens of this state....the very state that you are suppose to care for is not happening. Due to Centerpoints currently charging exorbitant fees for gas and electric veiled as 'Distribution and Service Charges' we citizens are suffering.

I have relatives in Henderson County Kentucky and discuss this with them. They are aware of Indiana residents being brutally flogged with rates that are shocking to them. The difference in rates for services is double in Vanderburgh County compared to Henderson County.

There are former residents who have moved to Kentucky to escape this monstrous burden. I know others including ourselves who are considering likewise changing addresses. Please do your duty as officers of the state to control Centerpoint's continuous abduction of bloated costs. We're in hard times with so many fees nowadays.

Regards,
Ronald N and Salette C Unfried
540 Martin Lane
Evansville, IN

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Fox-Golini
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:32:04 PM

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Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case # 45990

These rates are not affordable. We need help..

I live in a 700 square foot condo. My average bill is around \$110.00. February's bill was \$256.00 and said I used over 1500 kwh. March bill is \$125.00 and I used 670 kwh. Something is definitely wrong. Please help me.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Lee
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:33:26 PM

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47711-6753

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In regards to case 45990 addressing another rate hike by Centerpoint:

I am opposed to any further utility rate hikes. Evansville has the highest rates in Indiana. Centerpoint has provided ongoing unsatisfactory service to my area. Several months ago, residents of Oakridge subdivision had no power for four days due to a storm during which Centerpoint's electrical pole on St George road at the entrance of Oakridge subdivision was slightly tilted. The electrical line dropped several feet as a result. No vehicles could enter or exit the subdivision. Oakridge subdivision consists of approximately ninety homes/families which were affected. In addition, all persons on the Indiana rate commission are appointed and are unelected. Indiana citizens should have a choice of elected persons who approve ongoing rate hikes.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Neighbors
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:50:50 PM

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47720

Utilities: Center point electric rate increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please don't let this monopoly keep receiving kick backs and raises under different categories every 2-3 years. I understand that none of you are directly affected by this, but this profit maker runs a utility that is NECESSARY. We don't have a choice in who we receive electricity or gas from and Centerpoint is trying to get all they can from Evansville and the surrounding areas to make themselves and shareholders richer, regardless of the consequences to the residents of YOUR state. We, the citizens, are being taken advantage of at your behest and this needs to stop. We are being priced out of our city with rising utility costs, rising costs of living, and no raises in wages. This is making us all poorer and making southern Indiana less desirable of a place to live for residents and businesses alike.

Centerpoint makes huge profits with no real investment into the community. The "charity" they give is a joke and a write-off. No money goes back into the city or its residents. Indiana is becoming a joke of a state to live in with constant increases and I implore you to not follow the commands of a giant corporation and stifle the lives of southern Indiana residents any further. Do your jobs and protect IN residents.

From: [rebecca.anslinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Becca Anslinger - IURC Cause No.45990 / Center Point Energy
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:07:25 PM

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Dear Sirs and Madams

I am writing as a concerned customer of Center Point Energy who resides Evansville, IN. Center Point's proposed rate increases for our area are extreme and out-of-line with the rest of the state of Indiana, as well as our nation. We pay more for energy here in Southern Indiana, where the average household income is at or below the national average. We experienced a rate increase in November of 2023, less than 4 months ago and Center Point is now pushing for another. Center Point needs to look internally at how it appropriates funds and find alternatives to raising rates by 30%.

If the proposed rate increase is approved an even greater hardship will be placed on those who are already struggling. A dire situation will become worse.

Sincerely,
Becca Anslinger

From: [Bethany Scruggs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bethany Scrugs - Centerpoint Rate increases
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:03:21 PM

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To Whom it may concern:

Centerpoint needs to be stopped! Whether it's passing on cost from so called improvements or the snow storm in Texas, they always find a way to raise our bill. My home is around 1,000 Sq ft but my bill is always around \$300. Several times in the last couple of years it been close to \$500. My Hvac and water heater are new. All my appliances are energy efficient. My oldest son and his friends are making plans to move elsewhere, some already have. The majority of my high-school moved away. Non-profits that help with paying bills are always running out of funds. The pay and bonuses of the Executives are excessive and out of touch especially with so many not being able to afford cool homes in the summer and warm homes in the winter. One final note, I'm in the good to great range for energy efficiency according to them. I also turn my unit off in spring and fall. My unit is set in 75 in summer and 60 in winter, it rarely kicks on. My bill should be so much better than it is.

Please do the right thing - deny the increase and get our bills under control.

Thank you for reading.

From: [Mary Lou Elbert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve and MaryLou Elbert - Rates hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:48:38 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

The rate hike consideration needs to be terminated. Our January 2024 was SHOCKING! We were not even home for 10 days in January and longer. The highest bill we have ever received and it was doubled. We thought something was wrong with the newly installed electric box replacements we had just had done in the Fall. These rates are bankrupting citizens. Unbelievable and CRAZY! We don't run our heat high at all and turn it down to low 50's at night. We keep temp in house no higher than 68 degrees in coldest months. We shut off half of our house to 50 degrees.

Please do not even consider raising these rates higher.

Besides the rate hikes our electric goes out whenever the slightest wind goes through.

Americans in desperation!

Steve and MaryLou Elbert

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Betsy Emhuff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Betsy Emhuff -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 11:34:58 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

This company needs to be stopped!!! They are evil, and don't care about poor people, and people living on fixed incomes!!!!

Respectfully,
Betsy Emhuff
5301 Carriage Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Bettye Marvel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bettye Marvel - Rate increase SW Indiana, IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:14:41 PM

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I don't know what I can say that you haven't already heard, but still felt the need to be heard on this. I have been a SW Indiana resident all of my life and have always paid my gas & electric bill on time even though my earned income was low. I am now 87 years old, on a fixed income of Social Security and no supplemental income. I am thankful for my heat and a/c.

Baby Boomers are now retiring by the hundreds with less income than earnings.

Your corporation is HUGE enough to 'eat' this proposed increase. LIQUIFY SOME OF YOUR OWN ASSETS to take care of what you are calling "upgrades" when in actuality they are just 'changes' for you to make more money. Don't try to placate us with the charities you donate to or go through motions of a meeting to hear our opinion, knowing you will gouge us with higher bills anyway. We are not ignorant people. Mostly we are honest and hard working, (some 2 jobs & almost all husband & wife both at work), people who want to be able to pay our bills & enjoy life.

If you are truthful that you care about your customers & all of this is for us, then show it by finding another way to get your funding for this project...that's what we had to do. \$20,000 due to hydrostatic pressure ruining our basement. Homeowners Insurance doesn't cover that, & we don't want to cover your problematic changes either.

If you read this, thank you, but please don't respond with a generic, one for all e'mail. THAT would be an UNcaring gesture to me.

Responding to IURC Cause No.: 45990

Bettye Marvel
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Sent from Bettye's iPad.

From: [Hemminger, Bill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bill Hemminger - increased energy rates in Evansville, IN
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:03:12 PM

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To whom this may concern:

This concerns us, my wife and me, both retired, watching increasing utility rates on very fixed incomes. There are many people in our city (Evansville) who cannot afford the current rates; how could they pay for more?

And then I see that the CEO of Center Point makes more than \$37 million a year!!!! That person plus his immediate adjutants who make more than 35 million dollars in cash each year. THAT IS DISGUSTING! And then to see that the CEO lives in Houston, and therefore would pay no tax into our city coffers, if he would do that anyway. How much of this money could be redirected to supporting the public utility? How much of this public graft represents a crime?

Are you our representatives? What do you say to this larceny? What do you say to the people whose heating has been cut off because they cannot pay—and not millions but TENS of dollars? Are you paid to kowtow to the money-grabbers that obviously run the machine? I am ashamed of you. And I am sorry for the residents of our city.

Bill Hemminger
retired professor of English, University of Evansville



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From: csfirebat@twc.com
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Subject: Ryan and Jennifer - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:51:54 AM

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Dear OUCC Board:

The Department of Energy defines high energy burden as over 6% of annual income. The current Centerpoint rates in the Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County, Indiana, bring the total to just under the 6% of median income.

The proposed Centerpoint rate hike for Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County; however, will put us well over that amount.

Please deny the Centerpoint rate hike request on the basis of it exceeds the 6% annual income threshold and will significantly burden residents, industry, agriculture, and the local economy.

Sincerely,

Ryan and Jennifer
Gibson County, Indiana Resident

From: [Brad Bredhold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brad Bredhold - Against a rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:43:58 PM

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I am writing in opposition to the planned rate hikes by Center Point energy. The reason we have the system we do in Indiana is to prevent a monopoly like our energy providers from price gouging it's rate payers. I don't know if the board ever takes a company's profits into consideration but they should. Center Point wants to remain a monopoly and keep any individual or company from creating their own power ie:wind or solar power and it is self evident in the legislation lowering net metering prices and gauging every rate payer with exorbitant fees for distribution. Please do your job in keeping IN a fair playing field. There is no reason for a rate hike besides lining the pockets of the energy companies higher ups and stock holders. Vote NO!

Sincerely,

Brad Bredhold

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brooke Hanaway
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 9:29:07 AM

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Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Gas & Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Cause No. 45990

Current energy rates for gas and electric are already so high they are almost unaffordable. Any additional increases could be catastrophic to families that are already struggling financially to keep up in the current economic climate. Right now my monthly CenterPoint bill averages \$350-\$400, more than double what I regularly paid when I lived in Kentucky and was provided service by OMU, just 10 minutes away from my current home. When families are having to choose between paying the utility bill and buying groceries, there is a problem.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cassandra White
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:50:09 PM

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Utilities: Case #45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am so lucky to be a millennial who owns their home — but the utilities on that home are crippling me financially because of CenterPoint. My home was built in 1920 and when I bought it in 2017 the roof was original to the home and the HVAC had been installed in 1992. Despite making countless energy efficiency upgrades to my home (including a brand new HVAC system and a new roof), my bills have continued to balloon over the years. I work a full-time job making the most I have ever made in my life, and yet at 31 years old I barely scrape by each month, as my utility bills from CPI often cost as much as the mortgage on my home in the winter months. It is absolutely criminal what CPI has been able to do to my community — and continues to do with rate hikes like this. We should not be responsible for their poor planning and unwise investments, especially when they have such a long history of predatory business practices in other states. My hometown, my friends and family, my community at large is in crisis because of CPI. Please don't turn a blind eye to our suffering. Enough is enough.

From: [Keeley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Centerpoint Rate Hike
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:27:52 AM

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To whomever it may concern,

I am writing this email with concerns about the recent rate hike within centerpoint. I am a 19 year old girl who just moved into her first apartment in June of 2023. I work 35 hours a week and only make \$12 an hour. My rent is \$654, water is around \$60-\$70, and my electric was below \$100 each month. With this recent rate hike, my bill tripled. I live by myself, and I did work overnights during the time of this rate hike. For four days out of seven a week, I was barely home. My bills from July-December were all less than \$100. In January my bill went up to \$188, and in February it was \$280. I got scared after my bill from January, so I completely turned my heat off. I was freezing in my own home because I knew I couldn't afford a bill as much as the previous one, let alone one that almost doubled. How do you expect this new generation to grow up and be successful with these prices? It's simple. We can't. We are all struggling in life with inflation and the cost of necessities, so why add even more to that? Just so the CEO can continue to make millions a year? This company is corrupt as well as anyone that condones what they are doing to us. I write this message in hopes that this new rate increase that they are proposing will be denied. Thank you for your time.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chad Wayne Topper
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:23:59 PM

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Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a customer of CenterPoint Energy. My personal home uses electricity and natural gas supplied by Center point. My wife and I cannot see ourselves paying these ridiculous rates CenterPoint is charging us for much longer. We have a brand new home built well above building code for energy efficiency and our bill is always over \$250 and lately closer to \$400 a month. Should me people have told me their bills have doubled. Why should the consumer always pay for all these upgrades for CenterPoint? They make plenty of profit and can afford these upgrades out of their own pocket. People, like us, are going to leave this area. Companies will not want to come here. This area is being destroyed by the greed of this monopoly. The fees alone are half of the customers bill which I think should be illegal to charge. I have no faith in the IURC. The IURC is nothing more than a bunch of lifetime government bureaucrats who don't represent the public interest at all. Writing this is probably a waist of time. I would like to know what kind of financial information CenterPoint must provide to make these rate increase requests or request to add on all these fees? This information should all be out in the open and provided to every customer. These IURC positions should be four year terms voted on by the citizens of Indiana as well. We have no other choice then CenterPoint for our residential energy needs. We are stuck with the CentrrrPoint monopoly and need someone with some pull to step in and put a stop to these yearly increases.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Cook
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:47:40 AM

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Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Hello! This comment is in regards to the case number 45990 for Centerpoint Energy. I would like to respectfully add my voice to the many who state that the current rates we experience here in Evansville are unsustainable, much less an increase. Even accounting for inflation costs, my bill has ballooned too much since Centerpoint bought out Vectren. My highest bill I would receive under Vectren was \$180, and I just had to pay a 400 dollar bill last month. I know there are many factors at play, but I have long since passed the point where I would have switched providers if there were any other options. The fact that as an energy company they hold a monopoly here means I, as the consumer, have no recourse. I cannot use my buying power to force healthy economic competition. I either pay whatever Centerpoint claims I owe, or do without power. I understand their request is in an effort to improve infrastructure and move toward cleaner air options. Which is wonderful and I highly support the change. However, no other (competitive) business passes the entire bill completely to their customers. At&t may slightly change rates for new customers, but when they choose to upgrade their network to fiber, or 5G, or whatever else helps them remain competitive, they foot the bill. It is in their best interest, so they have budgeted money for those necessary improvements. It becomes hard to justify that Centerpoint cannot afford changes like other businesses do when they also continue to post such high profit rates. My husband and I moved here because the cost of living is so reasonable. We own a home. We contribute to the community in ways we wouldn't be able to elsewhere. We have always loved it here. But with inflation making it more and more difficult to afford anything, and with our energy bill taking up such a chunk of our monthly income, we have begun giving serious consideration to moving across the border to Kentucky, where my husband works. We don't want to necessarily live in Kentucky, but we are quickly approaching a point where we will no longer be able to afford it here. Evansville used to be known for remarkable cost of living. I ask you to strongly consider keeping it that way by disallowing Centerpoint to bleed our citizens dry.

From: [Cheryl Schmitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Schmitt - Counterpoint Rate Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:22:26 PM

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As a retired person, I am appalled at the greediness of Counterpoint in asking for a rate increase. Inflation and rising costs of everything, from gasoline to groceries have put families in a vise. People are struggling just to pay rent, much less an energy bill that keeps spiraling. Given the executive salaries that were published and the present economic circumstances, Counterpoint should be ashamed.

I simply do not believe that their costs have risen comparably. We are asked to pay for all the mistakes they've made, including power plants that are not being fully utilized and electricity generated here that is not being utilized here.

Consumers try to save on energy, yet when we do, we are still penalized because usage is down and they say their profits are down.

This is yet another perfect example of a monopoly.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christen Christian
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:48:04 PM

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47711

Utilities: Center Point Energy- Gas and Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please deny this huge rate increase requested by Center Point Energy. It has already caused hardship for our middle class family, and I feel it will cause additional hardships on lower income customers based on present economic conditions and its relatively short time frame of implementation. Thank you!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Coburn
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:31:06 PM

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Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case #45990. CenterPoint simply must not be permitted another rate increase for its southwestern Indiana customers. We have some of the highest utility rates in the entire nation and day by day we are watching it cripple families in our community. Our bill is manageable but still high; but I also work for a nonprofit organization that pays more than \$9,000 PER MONTH in utilities to CenterPoint alone. We are an animal shelter, and while keeping our building at a comfortable temperature is an important priority.... the cost of it is abominable. Utility companies should not be allowed to rob its customers simply because they are a legal monopoly, and they cannot continue to fund wealthy shareholders & executives' yachts and vacation homes off the backs of everyday hardworking people. Please please please do something about CenterPoint's greed. Their Foundation has stated that charitable contributions do not come from customer rate increases, so no one would be losing out! :) Thanks for your time.

From: [Christina Sallee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Sallee - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 7:06:28 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Normally, I write my own response, but this one says it all. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Christina Sallee
5820 Twickingham Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Christina Sallee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Sallee -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:44:26 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Christina Sallee
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angie Frakes
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:27:29 PM

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Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Allowing them to raise their already astronomical rates and fees would be detrimental to our community. We pay higher rates than everyone else around. Their CEO makes millions each year so there is definitely wiggle room for them to use some of the profits they already get to apply to their cause. Our community is struggling to make ends meet because they charge so much already. It would be unethical for them to raise the rates unnecessarily.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clif Parker
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 1:27:45 PM

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Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Regarding CenterPoint's proposed rate increase for electric of approximately 22%. CenterPoint already has the highest rates in Indiana. Seniors like me on a fixed income who received a 3% increase this year on their Social Security are deeply concerned. When looking at the top echelon's salaries it's apparent that most of such an increase will only benefit those at the top while those of us in the low-income community continue to make the wealthy even wealthier.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Breanna julian
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:27:48 PM

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Utilities: Center point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Me being gone 12 hours a day Monday through Friday , air/heat off, no lights on , every unnecessary thing unplugged . My bill was almost tripled. I am a single mother, with a 2 year old. I live pay check to paycheck . I already don't run my heat or air in general because everything is so expensive, so we just bundle up when it's cold. It's ridiculous how they want to raise it even more . People can barely afford to live as it is now . This is going to make things so much worse for low income families etc. we don't get paid enough to live even a bit comfortably. This is a serious problem.

From: [Connie Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie M Martin - CenterPoint request for an increase.
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:03:37 PM

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Hello,

PLEASE do not let this go through. My family is struggling as it is to make the electric payment as it is. We are very near having to decide what is more important – electricity or food. Between the water bill and electric bill we struggle to make ends meet and I find that I can only pay one on any given month. Therefore, we are in constant disconnect status with one or the other. If this continues to increase, I truly do not know how will be able to sustain our home/living conditions.

I don't see any reason for this additional increase. We are not getting any better services. All it is doing is causing pain and conflict in our community. And of course, giving the CEO and higher ups a 7 digit annual income. Please consider denying this request, for the sake of the people of Evansville, IN.

Thank you.

Connie M Martin
Support Staff - Levell Center

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Utilities: High bills

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Why are our Center Point bills all outrageous.?No one should have to choose to have heat over groceries, or medications to survive. Yet here we are, when our bills triple and double because of you. Something has to be done to stop this price gouging and monopoly that we suffer from. How is it possible or legal to do this to people / customers. I a, stand7ng up against this constant increase in pricing that you allow Centerpoint to get away with. Centerpoint goes by your standards and now they want to increase their rate hikes even more. We have to pay more then just Centerpoint we also have to pay to have a roof over our heads, food, water, medications. All needed for survival. When Vectren owned our services at least they were affordable. And before them Southern Indiana gas and electric our bills were affordable. It seems the bigger the company gets the higher the rate. Stop giving your CEOs and other shareholders/ executives all the bonuses / raises and maybe just maybe our bills will at least be attainable. Just one customers complaints as I a, sure there are plenty of others complaining of the exact same thing. It's far past time that we the people stand up against this tyranny and we are doing just that !!

From: [Connie Thornbury](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Thornbury - Centerpoint Rate Hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:22:50 PM

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I'm sure you've gotten thousands of letters exactly like mine but I feel compelled to do what I can to keep you from raising rates further.

I'm on a fixed income and I don't know what I'd do if my bill was \$40 higher a month. I'm struggling now. I've done everything I can to conserve energy. I'm 19% more efficient than energy efficient homes my size.

Please consider those who are unable to increase their income due to age/health or cut their expenses any further. We're fighting to remain in our homes.

From: [Dan Bugher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Bugher - Centerpoint rate case public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:41:34 AM

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Hello to the OUCC team,

I am a Centerpoint electric and natural gas customer. I am pleased to say their operational service is well done. Their customer service is an area to explore as the hold times and service quality have performed poorly since they acquired Vectren.

It is proper that CNP seek a rate increase to ensure they receive a return on capital, particularly capital of late spent on eliminating the coal plants. That is an area they have been pushed by many to accomplish.

However, I would ask the OUCC to delve deeply into 3 specific areas of the rate case that would have a long standing impact on their customers. That is, the proposed rate of return, the amount of capital spent with outside firms, and the ongoing level of O&M.

Regarding O&M, I think it is incredibly important the OUCC seek a 10 year data request on total O&M actually spent for electric to see how O&M from 2013 to 2023 changed. Vectren had worked extensively to flatten if not reduce O&M each year, so it is important to see how from 2019 to present, Centerpoint has performed. If there is a noticeable recent uptick in O&M, then this should be highly questioned.

More importantly, the rate case comes as nominal rates across the US will start to decline. CNP may be proposing a rate of return at the peak, and that cannot be allowed. Rate of return should reflect risk and CNP, like many utilities in Indiana, have much of their ongoing costs tracked - which dramatically reduces risk as tracking elevates revenue as needed very regularly. Fuel is tracked, plant chemicals are tracked, 7 year capital plans are tracked (TDSIC), to name just a few. Rates below 9% should be the norm.

Related, much of the significant capital spend is outsourced, sometimes 2 times (meaning the firm CNP gave the work to, also engaged others to help them). This continuous outsourcing approach has created a surge in pricing which elevates the total project cost. Then all that capital is asked to go into rates, and with a high rate of return, creates the primary impact for the customer bill increase.

Let's be honest, the capital projects CNP does for the very small electric area are nowhere near the complexity of what CNP accomplishes regularly in Houston or what other large electric utilities do. Why is it that more of CNP Indiana's projects cannot be insourced to CNP's overall electric team in Houston --- precisely so that Indiana electric customers benefit from that rich and deep experience CNP has? Should not that be a primary benefit of having allowed CNP to acquire Vectren -- to enable more leverage of internal skill -- and therefore outsource less to more expensive firms? Look at the solar installs to ensure no cost overruns have occurred as just one example.

The rate case game is mainly about rate of return and size of capital. Please focus on limiting these as much as possible.

Thanks

Daniel Bugher

(812) 305-2645

8096 Wyngate Circle

Newburgh, IN 47630

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber Barrow
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:11:35 PM

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Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case #45590

My husband and I have lived in this area our entire lives. We are 42 and 37 years old. We have three children ranging from 14 to 6 years old. Our most recent electric bill was \$730. That is more than our mortgage payment. We do not have gas at our home. We cannot afford this bill as it is. If it is raised \$60+ a month I don't know what we will do. My husband works 60 hours a week and coaches wrestling after work every evening. I clean and do odd jobs for elderly people and overwhelmed moms in the area. I don't make much money but I continue because these people need my help and I can't bear to take affordable help away from them when they can barely pay Centerpoint either. This monopoly is a strain on the whole community. Our heat has been set to 63, I have always washed everything on cold and no one is home during the day to use lights or electronics. It makes no sense that we have to pay this much. PLEASE do not allow this rate hike. We cannot afford it!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Moss
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:55:00 AM

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Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I want to voice my objection to the Utilites proposed rate hikes. The Evansville and Southern Indiana region already has one of the most expensive rates in the country. There is no substantiation in this rate, our service is no better than other areas to justify such a rate. CenterPoint argues that they are investing in the region and fostering economic growth, however, this economic growth they tout seems to only be through projects that increase their revenue and fatten their bottom line. They try to paint this as philanthropic when it is hardly so. I am a Civil Engineer, making well above the area's average salary, and yet I still come out in the red many months having to dip into credit debt to cover these utility costs despite reducing my usage in every way I can. If thousands of individuals like me could actually save money each month, perhaps then discretionary spending could occur and create actual economic growth, unlike the self-serving economic growth that CenterPoint Claims.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Moss
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:46:25 AM

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Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am opposed to the centerpoint rate hike on the basis of merit and value. Centerpoint, as a company, claims that they have served our community well. They claim that they reinvest into the community. But this is not the case, as we have seen in many interactions with centerpoint, such as was discussed in the public hearing, where centerpoint energy turned a blind eye to community concerns and did not properly maintain their systems. We have also witnessed their poor use of funds in the failures of various plants and processes. This shows that firstly, their mode of operations does not merit an increase in rates, and secondly that their own negligence in use of funds does not warrant us trusting them with more of our money to yet again be used poorly. If they need more money, which according to their earnings reports they do not, then let them first balance their own budget and lean their operations by cutting internal inefficiencies first.

From: [Darrell Rodocker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Fwd: These are pictures of Centerpoint energy by my and they have been like this 4 2 years and Centerpoint just put orange straps on the wire people drive on this road and have said they look up to make sure the roof of their vehicle dont hit them. Dar...
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 5:00:20 PM

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From: **Darrell Rodocker** <drodocker66@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2024, 3:36 PM

Subject: These are pictures of Centerpoint energy by my and they have been like this 4 2 years and Centerpoint just put orange straps on the wire people drive on this road and have said they look up to make sure the roof of their vehicle dont hit them.

To: <uccinfo@oucc.in.gov>







From: [David Echert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dave Echert - CenterPoint Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:45:44 PM

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I pretty well fell this is a waste time sending this since you normally are nothing but a rubber stamp for the utility industry but here is my comment anyway.

Basically the money for utility companies is not in the electricity they produce or the gas. The money is in the infrastructure, like building a new natural gas plant or simply replacing a utility pole. I had a recent bill from CenterPoint where I used \$14 in natural gas but had \$99 in service and distribution fees. Instead of trying to control cost they just pass them on to the customers that basically have no other choice because they are a monopoly.

Dave Echert

From: [Sherry Love](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David & Sharon Love - CenterPoint rate hike
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:56:22 PM

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Dear Indiana Consumer Representatives:

The CenterPoint Energy requested rate hike would cause undue hardship for the residents of Evansville, Indiana, and the surrounding communities. The citizens of Evansville already pay the highest gas and electric rates of any Indiana residents. However, the citizens in this area do not have the highest income of the residents of Indiana. Housing costs in this area, whether buying or renting, are already very elevated for the average-waged person to pay. Inflation has continued to increase the cost of necessities like food and clothing and other necessities. We have many homeless people who cannot even afford the basic necessities. If CenterPoint is permitted to charge more money for the same service, it will cause more residents to be unable to afford the basic necessities. Not only that, but we have had multiple power disruptions since CenterPoint has been the power source for this area; why should an inferior service provider be given a cost up charge?

Many retired citizens, such as in our circumstances, already need to closely budget food, shelter, energy costs and costs associated with more costly medical services and prescriptions. If we are forced to spend more on our gas and electricity costs, something else will need to be reduced. This is not a viable option for many senior citizens.

Please carefully consider the circumstances and the effects it will have on the residents before allowing a rate increase.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David & Sharon Love
9109 Jillian Court
Evansville, IN 47712-5411
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Sawyer
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:20:41 AM

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Evansville
IN
47713

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: IURC Cause No. 45990: We already have some of the highest rates in the country thanks to unnecessary upgrades approved by this council. Like replacing all of the gas lines and shocker, awarding the contract to an unregulated subsidiary of then Vectren to do the work; which would be illegal in most states. We do not need another 21% increase in rates. Most businesses operate by trying to become more efficient over time and decrease their operating costs. Why can't the council challenge Centerpoint to come up with ways to improve it's efficiency, instead of rewarding it for spending more?

But this will be approved in the end, because the utilities in Indiana own all the politicians on both sides of the aisle.

From: [Debbie Chastain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Chastain - Centerpoint Monopoly
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 6:48:50 PM

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I am writing about our outrageous electric and gas bills in Southern Indiana. Our bills have doubled in the last 2 years and now they want another 20% increase when they are making billions of dollars. I ask that you turn down this request as we are suffering. People have to choose whether to pay the electric bill or eat or get medicine. They are a monopoly that does not care as long as they making millions. Where is the oversight? Please turn this request for rate increase down. Thank you.

Debbie Chastain 812-459-6809

From: [Chris and Emily Weinzapfel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Weinzapfel - Cause # 45990
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 1:13:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I received a letter advising me that Centerpoint Energy has filed for rate increases in Southern Indiana.

Please reject this request. Based on their income statement, Centerpoint's pretax income has risen 101.8% since 2020 to more than \$1.1 Billion dollars.

While I'm glad to see that they are profitable, since it ensures continued service, they do not need to increase their rates since they've shown that the business is already highly profitable. While the 20% increase in utilities may not seem like a large sum for Centerpoint's CEO Mr. Lesar, that increase will hit hard during the cold months of 2024's 4th quarter for those of us who don't make over \$13 million in total compensation like Mr. Lesar.

Please reject their request for rate increases and force them to invest their own money into Hoosiers instead of getting triple-digit increases on their profit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Christopher Weinzapfel, MBA

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Riley
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:20:05 PM

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Name: Debbie Riley
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Address:
Evansville
IN
47715

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am vehemently opposed to the proposed increase in our electric rates by this greedy company. I firmly believe they saw a cash cow in our area when they purchased us from Vectren. The charges they have pushed on us for delivery of gas and electric are outrageous. A usage of less than \$20 in gas, with a delivery fee for same usage being over \$80, is beyond ridiculous. This is something that needs to be regulated. If they don't get their proposed increase I'm of the belief that most likely they'll just increase delivery fees since those are done at their sole discretion with absolutely no oversight. This organization is bleeding the people of southern Indiana until there is nothing left. People having to choose between food and taking care of their families, and keeping lights on and heat in their homes should not be. Please deny this increase, and maybe take a look at these so called delivery fees while you're at it.

From: [Debra Bosley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Bosley - Centerpoint rate hike Case 459990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:32:43 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Debra Bosley
3200 Myers Vista Drive
Evansville IN 47712

I am writing to voice my concern and opposition to the proposed CenterPoint rate hike proposal coming before the Indiana Regulatory Commission in the near future. I am a CenterPoint customer living in Evansville, IN.

While you would probably say the rate hike is a very small incremental change, I would say it is just piling another \$40 plus monthly amount on top of an already outrageously high bill, especially compared to many other Indiana regions whose rates are much lower than ours with other energy providers.

I am a fixed income senior citizen so it looks like I will be forced to turn my thermostat to an uncomfortable level and suffer because the owners and share holders of CenterPoint need to enjoy some more vacation time in Barbados and Europe. Oh, well. We all have sacrifices to make for the good of the "company".

From: [Diana VanHooks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana VanHooks - Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:23:00 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I wish to express my dissent regarding the proposed rate increase by CenterPoint Energy. My cost have more than doubled within the past two years. I paid less with 3 people living in my house 24/7 during the pandemic than I have since, with only one.

When I called in spring 2022, to ask why, it was stated that the gas rates had doubled. Last fall the rates increased again and my bill was nearly \$400! I called to complain, the very next month and ironically, the cost went down to less than half without any change in lifestyle. How did that happen?

Once again, my bill increased by more than \$150/month since the first of the year. I travel for work 2 and sometimes 3 weeks, out of a month, so i don't understand why, if rates are determined by usage, for the increased billing.

I don't trust this company, and certainly don't hold them in high regard. Our water department informed us of repairs and potential increase but the water company has never racked us over the coals like CenterPoint and you can see what they're doing.

As a widow and senior citizen, I implore you to cease with allowing give them to take further advantage of the citizens in Southern Indiana.

Thank you,
Diana VanHooks
Evansville, IN
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Williams
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:06:02 PM

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Lamar
IN
47550
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Center Point is already the highest electrical company in Indiana My husband and I are on Social Security and can barely afford to pay bill now,we will not be able to pay or bill.

From: [Carrick McDonald](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carrick McDonald - Comment on Center Point
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:41:12 PM

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Hello,

I just want to make a brief comment on CenterPoint's potential rate increase. What never fails to amaze me is the incompetence of the ultra-rich. Google tells me that CenterPoint pulled in \$1.667 billion dollars in one quarter in 2023 alone. Now us consumers are being handed the bill for \$118 million dollars that CenterPoint, in their boundless stupidity, just can't seem to find.

Amazing how the wealthy and the powerful are apparently so bad with money, they constantly need more of ours to prop up their predatory businesses. Maybe it's just that they're good at hiding it. My advice to you is to cut out the things that you don't need to waste our money on the same way I have to ration my healthcare decisions and other necessities.

My hope is that this potential rate increase stays potential. Further advice is to hire someone smarter to balance your books.

As always, thanks for nothing,
Carrick McDonald

From: [D.Bright](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: D. Bright - Centerpoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:16:36 PM

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To Whom May Concern:

I am writing in reference to the requested rate increase by Centerpoint Energy - Cause No. 45990

I, as thousands of other residents will be negatively affected by this rate increase. I probably cannot offer any new reason why this should be denied or at least lessened.

I can however say that Centerpoint must have been remiss when merging with Vectren knowing these improvements were inevitable. Which I'm sure they did. No doubt it was factored into their purchase price. I also recently read an article from 2019 that said CPE expected to maintain a 5 - 7% earnings per share. Which it appears they have.

So shareholders are rewarded at the expense of residents, industry and commercial business. Industry and business can pass the expense on residents cannot. So shouldn't they shoulder more of the increase? Perhaps. Of course it will also be a negative factor for any new business or industry coming here.

Some may say "if you don't like it move". And yes some will. And take their taxes with them.

I pray that someday we will have more than one utility option.

Thank you for your time and willingness to listen and consider the impact.

D. Bright
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Loehr
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:32:11 AM

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IN

47715

Utilities: 45990" CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not grant Center Point Energy any increase in rates. Southern IN. already has the highest rates in the state. Ratepayers are over the top supporting all of Center Point's wish lists, not to mention supporting their Texas operations which is absurd. Center Point is constantly asking for rate increases, which are usually excessive and beyond normal expectations. Center Point wants all new equipment, but can not keep what they have operational. Center Points' greed should not be at the expense of the ratepayers. There is no competition, so the ratepayer is at the mercy of Center Point to operate in a fair and equitable manner. Please, please if a rate increase, is granted, grant only the minimum. Certainly nothing above the prevailing rate of inflation. Please exercise some common sense and do what is in the best interest of the ratepayers. Center Point energy in Evansville IN and area has been a pure disaster since they took over from Vectren.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charlana Tanner
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:01:09 AM

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Phone:
Address: 5411 Brompton Drive
Newburgh
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47630
Utilities: Centerpoint Electric Company
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Cause 45990

Centerpoint is a monopoly in our area and we've already made it into the top 20 utility rates list in the country. Increased revenue, a peak pricing pilot program, paying for "cloud computing" costs, and the ability to remotely disconnect for non-payment... NONE of these are in the best interest of the consumer. There are costs to doing business and they shouldn't always be passed on to the consumer. Centerpoint needs to pay its executives less and recognize less profit. They can afford it. The consumers can not. The rates we have now are not "just and reasonable" as the IURC is supposed to guarantee. Another rate increase request from them is frankly insulting and untenable in the current economic climate.

From: [Dianna Lovell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dianna Lovell - Rate hike on utility
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:07:17 AM

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Please do something about this hike not going through. Evansville seniors and many working people cannot afford this raise. I already keep my house on 67 degrees and wear heavy cloths and I still can barely afford this bill. This company has a monopoly on our are and have had my whole life and I am 72. Why with the profits they are making and high salaries can they not take on this cost. I like many others may have to leave my lifelong city of Evansville if this occurs. Others will too. Please do not let this go through.

Concerned Evansville citizen
Dianna Lovell

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From: [John or Dee Mazzotti](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Domenica Bouseman - Souther IN gas/electric rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:18:13 PM

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Hello,

Writing to express my concern in a proposed rate hike for residents in Centerpoint's southern IN region. I'm sure you are familiar with the fact that we live under an energy monopoly down here and already pay the HIGHEST rate in Indiana (and in the country) because of this. The regulatory is our only check to keep our rates within reason and dare I say, this board should see fit that residents living in an energy monopoly should not pay one cent higher than the highest rate collected in this state where residents have a CHOICE in providers. We are at the mercy of the regulatory to represent our interests, not Centerpoint's. To imply this is based on new regulations to move us away from coal as our main energy source is disingenuous on their behalf. How many tax credits, breaks, incentive's does this company receive to help ease their transition? If they are paying CEO's exorbitant salaries and bonuses then they can hardly claim a hardship in reinvesting in their own company!!! Please stop this hike for our residents, who quite frankly, are already paying enough.

Domenica Bouseman
Newburgh, IN

From: d.bolin
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Bolin - Centerpoint Energy rate increase
Date: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:25:34 AM

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My name is Donald Bolin, I live in Evansville Indiana at 9633 Strueh-Hendricks Rd 47712. Centerpoint Energy is my gas and electric provider. I am contacting you over their proposed rate increases. If they get their way my bill will increase over 23%. In their flier they say it's their first base rate case in more than 14 years. That may be true for the company in Texas, but I know Vectren, who they bought have had many rate increases over the years. I have a problem with companies that make improvements and push the cost onto their customers. If you or I made improvements it would have to come out of our budget. Here in Evansville we have one of the highest rates in the area already. Also where would this money go, down to Texas where Centerpoint is based. Also the federal government is pushing electric. Talking about how natural gas is harmful. So then power companies see this then raise their rates. Everyone has only so much money to go around. A \$69.30 to \$92.40 raise per month, \$299.20 to \$368.50 or \$ 391.20 to \$483.59. If Centerpoint needs improvements and need money for it, then they should have to wor, it into their budget just like everyone else has to do. I wish every time I needed something I could just go and say everyone else has to pay for it. Worst of all this company is not from here. It's time to take care of the people of Indiana, not Texas. If you have any questions or comments I would be happy to answer them. Thanks, Donald.

Sent from my Galaxy

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**CenterPoint Energy Indiana South
Effects of Proposed Rate Adjustments - Residential**

Monthly usage (kWh)	Current bill	Proposed bill	Dollar increase	Percent increase
0	\$23.20	\$23.20	\$ -	0.00%
250	\$69.20	\$80.75	\$11.55	16.69%
500	\$115.20	\$138.30	\$23.10	20.05%
750	\$161.20	\$195.85	\$34.65	21.49%
1000	\$207.20	\$253.40	\$46.20	22.30%
1500	\$299.20	\$368.50	\$69.30	23.16%
2000	\$391.20	\$483.59	\$92.40	23.62%
3000	\$575.19	\$713.79	\$138.60	24.10%

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990 - I am a Centerpoint Energy customer and I disagree with the electric rate hike. With the cost of food, interest rates, gas and everything else skyrocketing this is just one more expense that the average consumer has to struggle with as the executives at Centerpoint Energy pad their pockets with another million dollars. I work with the senior population in our community and most of our seniors struggle to make ends meet. Most of our seniors struggle to afford medications for they definitely pay their bills first. They are a very proud generation of people and do not like to utilize community services for assistance. This rate hike is going to affect them negatively. If Centerpoint Energy is raising rates to build more transmission lines and upgrade its power generation facilities that is the cost of doing business. What was Centerpoint Energy profit in 2024? I am sure they profited millions of dollars. Invest your profit in your company, stop padding the pockets of your CEO's off the backs of the consumers who are struggling and work within your budget like everyone else.

From: [Christina Sallee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Sallee - Case 45990, Centerpoint's (CP) Requested Electrical Rate Increase - OPPOSED
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 5:37:36 AM

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Hello,

I am so absolutely opposed to CP's requested electrical rate increase.

I live in Evansville, IN. We have been bombarded with price increases for gas for several years. We even paid for CP's mistakes in TX. That made no sense to me.

Our gas service and distribution costs can be as high as FOUR TIMES the gas usage. That is absolutely criminal.

I know I digress, but my point is how can we ever get ahead if the OUCC and the IURC continue to support and approve EVERYTHING CP requests. At some point, CP needs to be held accountable and told to figure out ways to operate with the money that they have.

Please deny ALL CP's requests to raise electrical rates in SW IN. Stop the bleed NOW!

I think that I read that 67% of residents in Evansville do not own their homes. This means that they cannot upgrade windows, add more insulation, add caulking, etc. They have to rely on their landlords. Why should their landlords care what their tenants' utility costs are and pay for these types of improvements? It is such an ugly cycle.

Thank you for voting NO. This is one time I say NO to compromise.

Christina Sallee
Evansville, IN

From: [Dustin Ash](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dustin Ash - Cause Number 45990 - CenterPoint Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:37:59 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

Centerpoint is stealing from the poor, rich, and everyone in-between. I just wish that the people on this committee lived in this area to see how difficult it is. Go on Facebook and checkout DAACE (Direct Action Against Centerpoint Energy) to see how many people are struggling. I have solar panels and my bill is still outrageous. They give me just .09 cents and charge me .17 cents in the evening. Any rate hike is a slap in the face to American Hoosiers. YOU should be working on behalf of the PEOPLE that YOU represent. A lot of hard working men and women in this area of the state that need you to put Centerpoint back in check or get out of business.

Best regards,

Dustin Ash
SHE and Quality Manager



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USA

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From: [ishi.stone](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Earl Thomas Stone - Center Point Proposed Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:54:14 PM

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Greetings, Folks

My name is Earl Thomas Stone.

I live at 129 Colonial Ct., Newburgh, Indiana 47630.

I am citizen voter and a customer of Center Point Energy.

This Company of Texas Monopolists are already overcharging for electricity.

Please do what is within your power to keep these greedy people from doing more harm

than good to the middle and lower income people of our community.

Sincerely, E. T. Stone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: effie rodriguez
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:51:34 PM

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evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Case #45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case #45990 Centerpoint Energy has used our area to cover loses in other areas they serve. The poor and middle class in our area cannot afford the energy costs as they currently are and yet Centerpoint is wanting to further increase prices. I have seen energy bills that rival rent prices. It is ridiculous and malicious to have a company seeing great profits while gouging common people including families and our elderly. Please intervene with this horrible misuse of Centerpoint's monopoly on our community.

From: [Elizabeth Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Elizabeth Taylor - Utility CEOs received \$3.2 billion in executive compensation from 2017 - 2022 - Energy and Policy Institute
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:31:55 PM

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Why can't we follow MN example?! This has nothing to do with updates or infrastructure. The excess that we have allowed in IN has enriched the CEO and top executives by tens of millions. We have always been in the top percentage of all localities, no matter who we use. Why does our administration allow this?! This is egregious, and yet the greedy execs continue to ask for more, which our administration gives them.

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From: Elizabeth Taylor
 To: Elizabeth Taylor - CenterPoint account
 Subject: CenterPoint March 2024 Rate Hike
 Date: 3/1/2024 9:24:51 PM
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WE HAVE OVER 19,000 cities in the USA. Evansville, IN is the 19th out of 19,000 most expensive City by yearly Utility Cost. This comes from the U.S. Utilities Market Size and Household Spending Report. When taking the 379 cities listed in the Utilities Market/Spend by U.S. Cities (with population of 40k+) and ordering them from most expensive to least expensive by cost per year, Evansville, IN. is 19th 2023. And now CenterPoint wants to raise our rates even more! After applying the rate hike, we would be in the top 5 based on this report. Evansville, IN is the only city in the Top 20 cities with a median income of less than \$50,000.



Ranked From Most Expensive to Least by Utility Total Cost Per Year
 Evansville, IN is 19th most expensive city by utility cost per year

City	Population	Median Income	Utility Total Cost Per Year	Cost Per Household
1. Williamsport, PA	3,999	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
2. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
3. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
4. Subiaco, AR	6,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
5. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
6. New Albany, IN	10,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
7. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
8. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
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10. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
11. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
12. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
13. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
14. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
15. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
16. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
17. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
18. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
19. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
20. Evansville, IN	65,000	\$38,400	\$1,000	\$1,000

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To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ella H - Email Testimony
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:31:49 PM

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I am reaching out as a individual whom resides in Warrick co . Living in Newburgh Indiana. My family has been affected by the increase of the electricity supply. We barely make it check to check and our electricity is our highest bill. We recently moved out of our 1,080 square ft apartment duplex and our apartment had been vacant for 2 months we are still paying on it , with no air or heat and no lights running out bill was still \$238.00 with nobody living there nothing running but the refrigerator . Our bill should have never been that high a normal bill with all lights, televisions, heating washer and dryer everything running usually only runs \$165.00 so getting a bill for \$238 with nothing on was very upsetting. Our new home Is 4,000 sq ft and updated with the best unit put in place this year our normal bill runs \$308.00 our bill the last month was \$578.00 which is uncalled for .how are people supposed to live and survive. It's going to get to a point where people can't even eat anymore because our money is going to a millionaire to just make the rich richer . Something needs to be done !

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily Lynn
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:02:45 PM

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Email: eslynn278@outlook.com
Phone: (812) 431-0270
Address: 107 S Spring St
Evansville
IN
47714

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am commenting on the most recent proposed rate hike by Centerpoint. I am a customer in Evansville. Please do not approve this most recent rate increase. In conjunction with numerous rate hikes by our water utility I am paying nearly the same amount per month in utilities that I do my mortgage. Approximately 3/4 of this goes to Centerpoint. My bill last month was \$578. This is ridiculous and not sustainable for a widowed mother of 2. There has to be a limit to how much we are going to feed their greed. The CEO makes nearly \$40 million per year why is it necessary for me a widowed mom to fund infrastructure when they spend that much to compensate their leader. Not to mention the record profits they have been posting. Its enough. They are making plenty of money that they do not have to take more from those with barely enough income to keep the lights on.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily Millard-Mosley
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:46:55 PM

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Name: Emily Millard-Mosley
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Phone: (812) 760-1146
Address: 1910 N Fulton Ave
Evansville
IN
47710
Utilities: Centerpoint #45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint is asking to raise rates in the Evansville area and I would like to voice my concerns. They say this hike will raise my bill by almost \$50. While this doesn't sound like much to some, this amount would be devastating to my family. We rely on food banks and assistance to get by. We are already scratching to survive. Any hike at this point is a death sentence and we don't have any other choice. I have tried to cut my bills down and save money, every time I feel like I'm getting somewhere they change the game. Like the amount of billing days in the cycle or how much their distribution fees are. It's a constant fear when the bill comes not knowing if you will be able to afford it. Centerpoint already has some of the highest rates they don't need anymore hikes. I know I'm not the only one feeling this financial strain in my area. Please take this into consideration when deciding on this hike.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kyle Mobley
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:35:23 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Kyle Mobley
Email: kyle.mobley1212@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 916-3848
Address:
Evansville
IN
47725

Utilities: Center point Rate Increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center point Energy has made near record profits for 3 years in a row now with their CEO making more than most others in the industry. He's right hikes will only exacerbate issues residents are facing at this time. Unless this is an intentional forced exodus, I highly advise the staff to listen to its people and halt anymore centerpoint price hikes

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leveda Jansik
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:08:42 PM

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Name: Leveda Jansik

Email: franola119@aol.com

Phone: (786) 444-7974

Address: 3471 Egret Pass

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Electric energy bill

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint energy charged me \$300.06 on my last month's bill. That is more than double of what my monthly bill is normally. I live in a seniors community (70 years old) and am on a fixed income. No matter who I spoke to about my bill told me the same thing. I can't afford being continue being financially abused by Centerpoint energy. I live alone in a 650 Sq ft 1 bed 1 bath and keep my thermostat on 68 if it's freezing outside and I'm home. My thermostat at night is lowered to 64°. I should not have to go without in every other area of my life just so I can be perpetually gouged each month by this crooked company. Please help the citizens of evansville indiana. I will have to move to a state that is not get energy service from Centerpoint if something doesn't change.

Sincerely,

L. Jansik

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Stinson
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:47:43 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Lisa Stinson

Email: lisa.stinson65@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 305-2108

Address: 8274 Nolia Lane

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please stop approving rate increases for a company that already charges residents in our area the some of the highest rates in the entire country. Evansville is 19th in the Country. This is beyond ridiculous in comparison to Average income for our area once the increase would take effect we would be 5th most expensive. There are people that will literally be in danger of not surviving due to having to choose between medicine and paying their gas and electric bill. NO MORE INCREASES!!

From: [Mary Etta Kripps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Etta Kripps - Rate hike/ Centerpoint
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:20:53 AM

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I am writing you concerning Center Point Energy being able to raise their prices and making it hard on the people of Evansville and surrounding area. My December bill doubled and of course they say it's due to the colder weather. Some peoples bills doubled and triple. Some families cannot afford to feed themselves and pay Center Point Energy. I think they need to be controlled and what they do concerning the charge of their services. there was a person that moved here from another town that did not have Center Point. They were shocked at the cost. They had to pay here to Center Point. I ran into a woman at a parking lot at Home Depot. She was buying a electric heater and electric Refrigerator, because she and her mom couldn't afford our electric bills. This way they can stay in one room of the house and shut the rest off to be able to survive what they were being charged by Center Point. I know we can go on and on but I think they need to have a cap on their cost. And not be able to keep raising their prices. I had heard last year that we were paying more because of some cost they had in Texas from the lawsuit or something like that. They should not be able to just rape us with our gas electric bill. Please, if you can help us. Sincerely, Mary_Etta_Kripps 812-431-9863

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Geneva Stroud
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:31:21 AM

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Name: Geneva Stroud
Email: gwhitewolf26@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 499-4027
Address:
Evansville
IN
47712

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: It's getting outrageous how high our bills keep going up. I'm on disability and I'm very fortunate that I have a roommate or I would be living without electric. I have asthma and extreme cold and extreme heat makes it really hard for me to breathe and I have asthma attacks over it. So if I lived on my own and no electricity I would end up in the hospital. So it would have been having to chose over food or medicine not to have. I can only imagine what others that live on disability or is a senior or is a veteran or even a single parent has to go through with these continuing high rates we keep getting attacked with. It needs to stop somewhere. Something needs to be done about CenterPoint or we should have the ability to have another electric and gas company come to our area to chose from. Please help the struggling people that is being affected the most by this.

From: [george heldt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Heldt - Centerpoint rate increase!!
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 8:44:56 AM

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Centerpoint's CEO salary exceeds 37 million annually, Their gross annual profits are typically 6-8 BILLION a year, that's approximately \$32 million a day, and they are asking you for a rate increase! There are thousands and thousands of customers watching what your decision will be!!

From: [Cindy Hooper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Hooper - Center point rate increase
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:09:36 PM

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I don't know how they think we can take another rate increase. We are already paying too much and it is hard enough to heat and cool our older home as it is. We insulated, put new energy efficient appliances, new furnace, new windows and doors and then they keep increasing our bill and we never can get ahead. We are retirement age and I am really worried we will not be able to afford the increase. Evansville is going to eventually be a ghost town because nobody wants to live here. We are thinking about moving out of this town. Between Centerpoint and Evansville Waterworks it just too expensive to live here.

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From: [george heldt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Heldt - Centerpoint Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 2:52:24 PM

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This is insane, people simply cannot afford the huge rate increase that Centerpoint is requesting! Centerpoint grosses approx. 8 BILLION a year, that \$32 MILLION A DAY!!!

From: [george heldt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Heldt - Centerpoint Rate Increase:
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:39:53 AM

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In regards to Centerpoint requesting a rate increase, there are a couple of interesting facts that should be considered! 1st, the CEO of Centerpoint has an annual income of nearly \$38,000,000.00 that's 38 million, that's \$152,000 A DAY,2nd, Centerpoint has an annual gross profit of approximately 8 Billion dollars, that's approximately 32,000,000.00 (million) A Day!!!! Based on a 250 day work year!! Also, Centerpoint is charging ridiculous fees that are camouflaged in their monthly billings! For example, I used \$20 of natural gas last month, and Centerpoint added an additional \$80 for distribution fees!! Companies that are this profitable, should invest their own monies to grow and sustain their business!! An increase will take a toll on the poor, and a hit on the middle class! There is zero justification to permit any increase! Listen to the customers, they are crying out for some relief, not more burden! Thank you!!!

From: [george.heldt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Heldt - Centerpoint Rates!!
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:04:19 PM

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This is ridiculous, the thought of granting Centerpoint an increase is extremely unfair to it's customers!! Read attached post!!

In December 2023,
CenterPoint Electric filed for a
HUGE rate hike in Cause
Number 45990 before the
Indiana Utility Regulatory
Commission (IURC). If
CenterPoint gets what they
want, the average customer
will see their monthly electric
bills increase by a shocking
\$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026.

 <https://www.citact.org> › centerpoint... 

**CenterPoint Electric wants you
to pay an outrageous \$47
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DAACE // Direct Action Against CenterPoint Energy // (Southern IN)



Emily Endress Wambach · 13h ·

Just browsing average rates by state, as one does, and according to this list anyway, our local rate of about \$18 per kw hour is not only the highest rate in Indiana, but is higher than the statewide average in all but seven states - Connecticut, New Hampshir... See more



electricchoice.com

Electricity Rates
(Updated February ...)

From: [george heldt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Heldt
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 9:49:01 PM

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Read the comments and concerns on this web site! There is no way a rate increase could be approved!



DAACE // Direct Action Against CenterPoint Energy // (Southern IN)



From: [Gigie Hyneman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gigie Hyneman
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:52:57 PM

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I would like to tell you the struggles that I, who have worked at USI for decades have not had problems with paying my gas and electric bill until Centerpoint took over. The rates are making me figure out what I have to go without just to make the spread out payment, plus the current payment.

This hardship is caused by the excuses made by Centerpoint to increase rates and all the extra fees are something that they should have to be held accountable for.

I don't think with the profits that are being made by Evansville residents' payments are being stopped by our legislation.

You must do something to help us before we go completely broke!

I don't know if I can retire. I am serious and scared for my future as well as my family.

From: [heather GRIGSBY](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Grigsby - Rate increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:46:56 AM

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Hi my named is Heather im a single mom to 3 kids. So that means we only have my income to support us. My bill went from \$150 a month to \$600. I have to choose every week to either put gas in my car to get my kids to school or center point. Or to should I buy groceries or pay center point. It shouldn't be this way. You shouldn't be putting people in a situation where they have to choose. Your a multi billion dollar company that wants more. When is it going to be enough for you? Honestly I think your board of Ceo's should live poor for 3 months to really see what it's like for the little people. Then maybe you could understand the situation better.

Sincerely Heather

From: [Heather Lobeck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Lobeck - Evansville CenterPoint Increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:00:36 PM

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Our utility bills are already astronomical so the proposed increase should be rejected and something should finally be done! I am a resident of Evansville, Indiana and I already have trouble affording my CenterPoint bill. Additional fees will guarantee that I absolutely cannot afford it. Applying for financial assistance is not an acceptable response to utility increases. Financial assistance in our area is very limited and over demanded so these organizations often run out of funding very quickly which leaves residents resorting to extreme options to find funds - including letting their service get disconnected, living in a home with no heat because they've turned it off, skipping meals, not taking medicine, getting a 2nd or 3rd job, etc. This is inhumane and any contemplation to approve the increase is showing support that it's ok for people to live like this! CenterPoint should be required to find the money within their own budgets, whether that's decreasing executive bonuses or buying cheaper toilet paper. Honestly, they could turn down their own thermostats or their executive leadership could skip a few meals or skip a few rounds of bonuses. Perhaps they should learn how to manage their own budgets before forcing residents to live in these conditions. Please do not do this to us. PLEASE reject their request. PLEASE STAND UP TO THEM!

Thank you,
Heather Lobeck

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Thombleson
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:59:05 AM

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Phone: (618) 263-2396
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Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case (Cause No. 45990)

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I would like to comment on the case in which CenterPoint Energy's electric utility is requesting a three phase rate increase in a newly filed case. The utility's request would raise annual revenues by approximately \$118.8 million (16%). I find this to be an incredibly greedy request on the side of CenterPoint, and incredibly in humanitarian. In the city of Evansville we have no other choices for electricity besides CenterPoint. They are a complete monopoly. In the year 2023, CenterPoint Energy's gross profit was \$6.489 BILLION, a 5.32% increase year-over-year. The company is already making record profits off of the citizens of Evansville and want to pad their pockets even more. We have one of the highest energy rates in the state of Indiana. The city of Evansville has a poverty rate of 18.6% and this increase will not only affect this population that is already struggling to provide for themselves and buy groceries, but would no doubt put some families on the cusp of poverty to tip right into that population as well. Since the year 2020, CenterPoint energy has increased their gross profit each year. It's time for the citizens to say enough is enough. The BILLIONS of dollars in profits this company is already making is plenty for them to upgrade the infrastructure that they are requesting to upgrade. It is not the citizens' fault that the company has made incredibly unwise decisions in the past four years when it comes to how they have spent these profits.

From: [Hailey Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hailey Miller - High Energy Bills
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:11:51 PM

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Dear Representative:

My son was born this last May, and though this has been one of the most joyous years of our lives, it has also been one of the most financially stressful.

My husband lost his job in the middle of my maternity leave.

One of our most stressful bills was our Centerpoint electric bill. When asking their customer service for payment assistance or even a payment plan, the response by the customer service was callous in telling us to alternate our ceiling fans rotation, and invest in thicker curtains to keep the cold out.

When our electric got turned off in November, we panicked and put our entire paycheck to pay our bill in addition to the \$330 charge they added to turn back on our electricity. It totaled over \$1300 and we were only a month and a week or so behind. There was no warning, just a click and I could no longer heat my son's bottle. I immediately called when it was shut off at 11 am, I was on hold for an hour and a half and was given the warning that because it was past noon, I might have to wait till the following business day to have my electric turned on.

Those next two weeks, we lived off our local food pantries to get by because the rest of our check went to formula. We went through the proper channels to try to advocate for ourselves before getting to the shut off point, but were met with no compassion even as new parents.

Hailey Miller

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Nunning
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 8:06:11 PM

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Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I was notified that CenterPoint Energy is requesting approval for a 30% increase in energy bills for its customers. We live in a monopoly. There is no other electric company that we can utilize so we are forced to continue paying the already exorbitant fees that they charge us. I live in a 900 square foot home. During the summer I keep my air conditioner set at no cooler than 78 degrees. (Meaning 78 is the coolest it ever reaches. Most of the time I have it sit in the 80s just to be able to afford my bill.) My bill is \$300. That is outrageous! I freeze myself in the winter and sweat myself during the summer and the bills continue to remain sky high despite all of my energy saving measures (keeping a high/low temp during the proper months, black out curtains, privacy film to limit sun coming in, weather stripping, even towels stuffed in all corners of doors and windows). There is absolutely no reason that they aren't already making enough money in their monopoly where they have no competition. Please do not approve any kind of price increase. The majority of their consumers will not be able to afford it, my family included. It would literally take food out of my children's mouths as there are no other places we can scrape the extra funds to cover a price increase.

From: [Heather Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Ricketts - Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:56:05 PM

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Hi, I live in Evansville and was at last week's meeting. I sat and watched every person up on that stage sit there stoned faced while over 100 of my fellow residents poured out their hearts to you, some of them in tears. I found myself asking, do these people have hearts? How can they sit there so unaffected by what they are hearing? We pay some of the highest rates in the state and quite possibly the nation yet you are seriously considering voted yes for this rate hike? Even after voting yes one year ago? I'm curious as to what percentage of your monthly salary goes to your utility bills? Is it anything close to what we are paying? Would you vote yes two years in a row if this was your city? Have any of you received compensation to vote yes? I am urging you, and praying that you do the right thing and vote NO!

Heather Ricketts
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Adrienne Burdick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: I know nobody will really read this
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:15:24 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

As a center point customer our rates have gone up and up every year. With the rising cost of living in the area the city utilities are among the highest. And every time they ask they get more and more money from our pockets. Between my water and electric bills I am spending about \$800 a month. That is more than my first house payment. I have 3 children. All of which are teens and I worry for them. When they start out in their lives and have to pay for their own way are they going to be able to? A decent apartment in this area is close to \$1000 a month and the utilities are almost as much. Yet every time center point or the water company asks they get everything they want. What about the people who are paying the way? What about the people who are trying their best to make ends meet? How can you tell them this multi billion dollar business needs it more than you do. How can you tell the people who are choosing between medical care and having lights and water? Othe center point ceo gets a multimillion dollar bonus each year because of how much profit they make, but we need to pay them more. when is enough enough? **NOT ONLY DO THEY NOT NEED AN INCREASE, THEY NEED AN INVESTIGATION INTO DECREASING OUR RATES!** Center point energy and those of you who are supposed to be regulating our utilities should be ashamed of yourselves.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Adrienne Burdick
731 Christopher Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jackson Keepes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jackson Keepes - Centerpoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 3:07:38 PM

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This is a public comment in reference to CenterPoint Energy's pending electric rate. As the only electric supplier for the city of Evansville, Centerpoint Energy should not raise the price of electricity in the area. As high inflation and interest rates are burdening the average American citizen, we can simply not afford a raise in utility prices. According to ZipRecruiter, the average annual salary in Evansville in 2023 was \$49,876. My current annual salary is \$70,000, and I struggle to keep up with increasing prices. Increased grocery and rent prices are one example of how burdened Evansville citizens already are financially. I feel it is safe to assume a majority of Evansville citizens are living paycheck-to-paycheck. As the only supplier of electric energy for Evansville, it feels like a slap in the face to have Centerpoint Energy raise their already-high energy prices. Evansville citizens already pay \$100-\$200 in energy bills every month. It is extremely unfair to citizens for a company to monopolize the energy in the area, and then raise prices for a cash grab. Centerpoint does not need this rate increase, they already get paid enough by the hard working citizens of Evansville. Centerpoint Energy made 6.489 billion dollars in gross profit for 2023. They do not need more money. This is classic corporate greed, and I hope the city of Evansville takes this into account when making their decision. I beg you, please do not make Evansville citizens suffer even more just so a multibillion dollar company makes even more money.

Thank you,

Jackson Keepes
2274 Covert Ave
Evansville, Indiana 47714

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jaclyn Branford
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:17:48 PM

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Evansville
IN
47714

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I'm floored that energy rates have been allowed to reach the point they have. Stopping further increases now is a forgone necessity, but what actually needs to happen is a reduction of rates considering the ratio of median income to average energy bill in Evansville vs other comparable municipalities.

Centerpoint doesn't need more. Their executives need less, and they need to let go of their obsession with shareholder primacy before their ceaseless efforts at regulatory capture drive away (or worse, entirely impoverish) the labor foundational to this region's economic security.

Years of short-term thinking in southern Indiana's economic sphere have lead us here, where families are already struggling to keep a roof over their heads. If we continue down this road - if we grant Centerpoint another rate increase now or even a year from now - more families will falter. More children will go hungry, dependent on government aid. More adults won't be able to afford their property taxes, or at the very least will significantly cut their spending, stifling sales tax revenue.

Beyond the human level, down to the coldly logical economic level, Centerpoint never should have allowed to get this far. We cannot allow them to go any further.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Eberlin-Gorman
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:03:21 AM

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Email: jlgorman42@gmail.com

Phone: (618) 946-4386

Address: 218 Calle del Prado

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Regarding OUCC official case comment period for Centerpoint Energy rate increase, I tender my emphatic disapproval. Existing rates are the highest by ratio of kWh to cost of anywhere I have lived at 17.81 cents (an already significant 14.28 percent above the national average), this despite Indiana's status as a large energy producer. Given this reality, it seems untenable to this consumer to consider the proposal that an investor-owned (that is, profit seeking) utility, which earned nearly four billion dollars last year, cannot leverage its significant market cap and revenue to invest in its own transition to renewable energy absent additional cost burden, which already has disproportionate impacts on the poorest Indiana residents, many of whom live in poorly acclimatized apartments or housing which exacerbates their makes their energy bill and already significant proportion of their take-home pay.

To reiterate, please take this comment as a resounding "no" to the proposed rate increase and lend little credence to needs of a cash flush utility seeking to maximize profits rather than taking investing risks itself.

From: [Aimee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Aimee Ames - Centerpoint Utility - Southern Indiana SAY NO
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:53:51 PM

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To whom it may concern!

CenterPoint Energy's power plants in Posey County, Ind., and Warrick County, Ind., provides power to 142,000 customers in southwestern Indiana. Centerpoint needs to find another way to cut their budget. The increase they are asking for is an average of \$47 per month. That is \$6,815,000 the first month alone.

81,780,000 a year!!!

DO NOT approve this! Things are hard enough!

Aimee Ames
8127467105
Boonville Indiana

From: [Joanie F.](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joanne Frizzell - Centerpoint Rate increase
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:03:02 PM

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I am a retiree and fear I won't be able to pay the increases that are coming to our area. It seems EVERYTHING is going up. I'm very conservative using my gas and electric, I always get a "great" on my usage indicator. We need a competitor for our area, maybe that would keep these insane prices within reason.

Just want my feelings to be heard.
Joanne Frizzell

From: [Felton, John](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Felton - IURC Cause No. 45990" or CenterPoint Energy
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:36:00 AM

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My name is John Felton and I and my wife live at 5300 E. Esche Drive in Newburgh 47630. I am writing to formally oppose the requested rate increase by CenterPoint energy based primarily on the fact that our electricity rates are already the highest in the state. This request is unconscionable based on the profits that CenterPoint is already realizing. Thank you for considering my input.

John Felton

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber catt
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:29:07 PM

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Name: Amber catt
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Phone: (812) 604-4940
Address: 804 Harmo y Way
Evansville
IN
47720
Utilities: Gas/electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: The bills have more than doubled. 250 to 600...more than my mortgage. Will leave many of us without electricity or possi le homeless.

From: [Amy Alexander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Alexander - Centerpoint 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 4:23:10 PM

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As a concerned citizen and a CCHW for the medicaid population, I am asking you to please stop the rate increases. My Husband and I could not attend yesterday, due to working . No one can afford to miss work. Our bill has doubled and we have changed nothing. I am watching families struggle to provide food after paying Centerpoint. It will get worse as food prices have increased, power account payments are coming back for medicaid members , and just every day expenses we encounter. My husband and I budget and make decent wages and still it takes a toll on us . Please think of your families and all the citizens you have heard from . Thank you .

Amy Alexander, CCHW, MA

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: [Ben Cruce](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Benjamin J. Cruce - CAUSE NUMBER 45990 Rate increase,
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 12:35:37 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I attended the public field hearing on Thursday, Feb. 29th at the Old National Events Plaza at 2pm. I heard a few hours of testimony. I am against the rate increase because as a consumer, I want the choice to decide where I spend money for community contributions. I really don't want Center Point to decide where to do philanthropy on the backs of many people struggling to pay such high rates. I have a fixed income, and expense to keep up with these utility rates is burdensome and unnecessary. They are a monopoly that decides their own course of action, but they need to cap the consumer burden and learn that their are monetary limits in their own operations, and they can't just lay it on already struggling consumers.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Cruce
3008 Cross Bow Lane
Evansville, IN 47715

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Harper
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 7:15:18 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: James Harper

Email: jrharper@ymail.com

Phone: (812) 568-3418

Address: 1370 Highway 69 N

New Harmony

IN

47631

Utilities: Centerpoint, Evansville, IN

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We have a small 1200 sq ft home. We had new insulation & siding installed this last summer. We have new windows also. We are total electric .The last 3 months we have received our largest utility bills. Centerpoint is making a huge profit & our area is the 10th highest in the US for utility bills. Please reject their request for an increase.

From: [Jane Leingang](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Leingang - Center Point Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:38:22 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I want to register my objection to rate case # 45990.

Centerpoint has sought several rate increases over the last few years. We are retired and these increases have required adjustments to our spending and a decision to keep our house cooler/warmer than we would like to save money. I learned at the local hearing on February 29 that we among the lucky ones. We can tighten our belts to make adjustments. Many of our neighbors cannot.

Our rates in Indiana are high, but our electricity rates in Evansville are higher than the average. Even before this proposed increase, we have the highest electric rates in Indiana. If this increase is granted, it will bring us the distinction of having the 5th highest electric rates among 300 metropolitan areas in the United States. This is very detrimental to the well being of our Evansville, some of whom already pay more than six percent of their income on utilities. This is unacceptable.

As the agency who is supposed to watch out for the consumer, I urge you to deny this request.

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Jane Leingang
812-477-8285

"Patience attains all it strives for." Teresa of Avila

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Russell
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 8:02:39 PM

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Name: Jane Russell

Email: balloonfl@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 380-1472

Address: 6855 E County Rd 50 S

Winslow

IN

47598

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CenterPoint Energy is a very profitable company. I looked at their stock portfolio and they have a 15 % profit margin. How much more money do they need to take from hard working customers????A profit margin of 20%,30% 40%????Their rate hikes that they want is nothing but greed inflation. Please consider the effects of these rate hikes on low income customers and do not approve them.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janis Garrison
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:32:59 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Janis Garrison

Email: janisgarrison@astound.net

Phone: (812) 490-6735

Address: 331 Cypress Street

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Electric & Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I'm contacting you concerning the Centerpoint proposed rate hike. The residents in this area of Southern IN are already paying one of the highest (if not the highest) rates in the State. The majority of the residents are trying to survive the increased cost of living today! Centerpoint is not struggling financially, WE are. PLEASE stop or effectively delay any further rate increase!! If a rate increase on electricity is "required", please revisit the ridiculous cost of gas "delivery" it could very well offset an overall increase to our monthly Centerpoint bills. Thank you for representing the residents.

From: [Janna Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janna Smith - Rate increases
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:13:04 PM

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I as a resident of Southern Indiana and customer of CenterPoint I greatly opposed the rate increase.
For a detailed list of why please contact me at janna.smith4582@yahoo.com 812-483-6430

WE THE PEOPLE!!

Janna Smith

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jared Brock Henning
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:31:22 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Jared Brock Henning
Email: jaredbhenning@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 629-6026
Address:
Boonville
IN
47601
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy (2024 Electric Rate Case)
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Hello,

I am writing to state I am strongly against the electric rate increase requested by CenterPoint Energy in Southwest Indiana.

The greater Evansville, IN area is among the most expensive areas for utility costs in the state of Indiana, and in the entire United States. Citizens like myself are extremely overburdened by outrageous electric utility bills and inflating costs in other categories. It's extremely frustrating given the fact we are being held captive by a money-hungry monopoly that gouges our hard-earned money for something that costs a lot less in neighboring states like Illinois and Kentucky. CenterPoint is crushing the dreams of many people by making it harder to save money for other more important and valuable things in life.

I know that I am definitely not the only concerned CenterPoint customer in this case, but I hope that our voice will be heard loud and clear. CenterPoint Energy's robbery needs to STOP HERE and NOW!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean T Barr
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 2:00:52 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Jean T Barr

Email: barrjt@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 455-7743

Address:

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause number45990

I am a 76 year old single woman who is still working part time. I put solar panels on my house in November of 2019 and installed a heat pump in March of 2022.

My December 2022 bill totaled \$36.75

My December 2023 bill totaled 87.97

January 2023 totaled 54.62

January 2024 totaled 146.09

February 2023 totaled 44.90

February 2024 totaled 195.19

Net metering stopped in October of 2023 on my bills. My kWh use was lower in both my December and January 2023 and 2024 months than the year before. As you can see, the net metering removal has significantly increased my bills already and the increases proposed will significantly impact my future bills. If my bills have increased so much even with my solar and heat pump, I can only imagine what other people's bills are like. My home is only 1,100 square feet. Please vote against the proposed increases. Thank you for taking the time to review and consider my request.

From: [Sunta, Anthony \(URC\)](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: New Inquiry 137242 CRM:0351000001178
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:46:51 AM

Customer Type: Residential
Customer: Jeff Laine
Business Phone:
Home Phone:
Contact Phone: 812-204-8894
Service Address: 5639 New Harmony Road
City, State, ZIP: Evansville , IN , 47720
Email: motorboltz1@yahoo.com

Case Description: Case 137243 is related.

As a Customer of The grossly overpriced, monopolized CenterPoint Energy company I strongly oppose any near or distant future rate increases on electric, gas, or delivery charges.

The current rates already discourage new growth in either manufacturing, or residential, which will affect State tax revenues as well.

The current rates are a gross burden on anyone on a fixed income as well as those who are not.

Please Vote NO to the proposed rate increases, and No to any additional delivery charges.

Sincerely,
Jeff Laine

From: [Sunta, Anthony \(URC\)](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: New Inquiry 137243 CRM:0351000001179
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:47:58 AM

Customer Type: Residential
Customer: Jeff Laine
Business Phone:
Home Phone:
Contact Phone: 812-204-8894
Service Address: 5639 New Harmony Rd
City, State, ZIP: Evansville , IN , 47720
Email: motorboltz1@yahoo.com

Case Description: Case 137242 is related.

As a Customer of The grossly overpriced, monopolized CenterPoint Energy company I strongly oppose any near or distant future rate increases on electric, gas, or delivery charges.

The current rates already discourage new growth in either manufacturing, or residential, which will affect State tax revenues as well.

The current rates are a gross burden on anyone on a fixed income as well as those who are not.

Please Vote NO to the proposed rate increases, and No to any additional delivery charges.

Sincerely,
Jeff Laine

From: [Becky](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Eugene and Becky Richardville - Center Point rates
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:26:44 AM

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We are writing to express our concern and fear of the increasing rates of Center Point energy in Evansville, Indiana. Despite never increasing our heat above 64 degrees our bill continues to rise. Even during the cold wave we kept the house at 64 and our bill was significantly higher than the previous month. We both plan to retire in a few months and fear that our retirement income will not be enough if our energy rates continue to skyrocket. After working 40 plus years, I hate the idea of having to get another job during "retirement years" just to pay our Center Point bill! We are both social workers in healthcare and have dealt with many patients who are struggling to pay their Center Point bills. Unfortunately there is minimal assistance in this area to help with utility bills. Center Points willingness to do a payment plan is unrealistic for those that simply don't have the money! Please put a stop to these outrageous rates! Citizens of Evansville should not be forced to give up their homes and move to an area with reasonable utility rates just because Center Point wants to make more money! Please help us!

Sincerely,
Eugene and Becky Richardville
812-459-0236
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Loehr
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:34:28 AM

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Phone: (812) 604-7530
Address: 6500 Kolb Drive

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Center Point Energy Case--45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not grant Center Point Energy's request for a 16% rate hike to base electric rates. Center Point does not need to recoup that much money.

Inflation is running about 3% and should hover around that % over the next 3-4 years. Electric rates for Vanderburgh county are the highest in the State of Indiana. That fact is a red flag in it's self. Ratepayers should not have to fund Center Point's wish list or fund Center Point's lack of fiscal management.

Center Point Energy is the worst utility of electric in the State of Indiana. Please only grant a 2-3 % increase for the 3 years they are requesting.

Stop and stop now, burdening the ratepayers of Center Point Energy with their excessive and extremely greedy rate increase requests. Please take into account all of the previous increases that have been granted to Center Point Energy and look how little has really been put back into their service to their ratepayers. Please stop Center Point from raising rates that will net them a windfall of more profit at the ratepayers expense.

Thank you,
Chris Loehr

From: [Jeff Greenwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey D. Greenwell - Another Centerpoint increase
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:57:22 AM

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I live in zip code 47631 and strenuously oppose the most recent electricity rate increase request. We have been paying the highest rate in the state since 2008. This is corporate greed and caused by their monopoly based position.

Give us a utility provider option other than Center Point or hold them accountable for managing their business properly.

Jeffrey D. Greenwell, MBA, Agent

Smart Retirement Solutions, LLC
126 East 2nd Street
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
PH: 812-457-7076
www.jeffreygreenwell.com



From: [Jennifer Ladnier](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jen Ladnier - Centerpoint Rate Hike Public Comment
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:25:12 PM

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Good afternoon,

I will not pretend to know about electricians but I know mine for my little home is pushing sometimes \$600 a month, so high for a 1500sqft home. I am a property manager for affordable housing. People on fixed incomes can't afford their electricians as it is now. Sure they get cost of living raises some years but if they live in income based housing they immediately raise their rent. They can file for energy assistance but it is never near enough. Some places that people have no choice to house themselves in are expensive to heat and to cool. They put their very lives in danger trying to keep the heat low to not have a high bill. Or run a box fan in the heat of the summer to not have a high bill they can't afford to pay. Think about those people and then think about how much money centerpoint's CEO makes. How much of a bonus does he receive? Is it fair for people to sweat in front of a box fan because they can't afford the rates where they are at now while the CEO sits back collecting his staggering salary and bonus. I think it would be fair to say the rate hikes should be a no. Make them make do like the rest of us. Make him cut his bonus out like we all do sometimes when trimming the fat is necessary at companies. At home I don't get my nails done. I don't get my hair done as often. I shop for clothes only on sale or in bargain bins. We all trim the fat in some way or another. Make CenterPoint trim the fat in other ways instead of just hiking the rates and making us suffer.

Thank you.

Jen Ladnier
Mount Vernon Indiana

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica S Katz
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:22:17 PM

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Title: Ms.
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47711
Utilities: CENTERPOINT / VECTREN ENERGY
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case #45990

In all of my years as an indiana resident even before I held my own energy accounts I have known that we live in a utility monopoly. Over the years the cost of our gas and electric have caused many households including my own to choose between paying the light/gas bill and paying for other necessities like shelter, food, medicarions and clothing. Our gas expenditures are astronomical compared to the current socioeconomic climate in this area. Most residents are seeing their utility bills double and even triple. Our meters go unread and they "guess" how much energy they believe we've used. People who are fortunate enough to have more energy efficient homes have been a bit luckier with their bills, but we have a very large population living at or below the poverty line. I am terribly afraid that rising energy costs will eventually make evansville resemble places like San Diego with large homeless populations because we simply can not afford the basic necessities here anymore. Even when people freeze in the winter with their thermostats at 64 or over heat themselves in the summer at 88 degrees inside their homes. **THIS IS NOT OKAY.** If you think it is okay you either do no live here or you make 6+ figures so your \$900 energy bill wouldn't matter to you. Think about your extended family on fixed incomes , how would they fair? Think about the kids going hungry because their parents have to keep the lights on or risk a CPS case. This situation should be illegal. The IURC should have never let this happen and every person who has had a hand on any decision made regarding this should really think long and hard about how their choices have drastically altered the lives of Southern Indiana residents. The IURC has made a negative impact on this issue. The IURC should be held responsible for their gross negligence in helping the profiteers of this corporation continue to drain the livelihood out of this community.

From: [Jim Daniels](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jim Daniels - Centerpoint Energy rate hike
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:04:28 PM

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This message is written to oppose the requested rate increase. Centerpoint already is very expensive and all this will do is provide them even more profit for shareholders. Their argument that the increase is needed to cover increased costs is bogus on the face of it.

This is greed, pure and simple. They are doing this because they feel that the state of Indiana does not care about ordinary citizens, and they are correct in that thought. I am asking you to deny this request completely. It is past time for corporations and governments to be held accountable to the citizens they are supposed to serve.

Jim Daniels
1808 Ravenswood Drive
Evansville, IN 47714

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jim Post
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:44:48 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Jim Post
Email: jimpost@reagan.com
Phone: (812) 449-5783
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: center point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Sorry I do not have the case number, but the public hearing is Feb 29th in Evansville IN. I have a background in business acquisitions. It is my opinion that Center Point over paid when purchasing Vectren and is now trying to make the customers, whom have no alternative service provider, pay for their mistake. If they could not run and improve the utility within the current rates, its purchase price was incorrect, and the company should swallow the proposed costs without increasing rates. Center point knew or should have known the cost needed and cost projected to maintain and improve the utility and the facilities it acquired. Ash ponds clean-up and other environmental issues should not cause any future rate increases because Center point was aware or should have been aware of those needs and the price paid for the purchase of Vectren should have reflected those costs. The utility rates paid in the Evansville area are already higher than the majority of Indiana and burdensome for homeowners and businesses. If Center point cannot successfully run the utilities in this area, they should not have made the purchase and should sell it to another company that is prepared to do so.

From: [Joanna Morphew](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joanna Morphew - Electric rate in Evansville Indiana
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:41:24 AM

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The local electric KWH is .17386029
I have asked family and friends out of the Evansville IN area their electric rate.
Below is the information I was given about electric rates

Henderson County KY .107453

Anoka County MN. .1213

Macon County Illinois .06

Bay County FL. .11

We are being gouged on our extremely high electric rate.
I do not have gas at my home but I can only assume that the gas rate for gas is too high

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kaylee Simmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaylee Simmons - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:36:43 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Kaylee Simmons
Bronson Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [John Hayden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: newsdesk@14news.com
Subject: John M. Hayden - Please come up with other ways. Get creative.
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:27:21 PM

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Dear CenterPoint Management:

I'm writing today to let you know we are getting really weary of the constant rise in our electric rates. Please come up with other ways to pay for your 'aggressive' expansion. Having lived here 13 years now, it seems you are way too quick in your willingness to pass it on to the consumer. It's been over and over again. Wow.

We have lived in Kansas City MO, Midland MI, the Chicago area for 11 years and now here. I'm being very truthful when I say I've never quite experienced such a thirsty utility company more willing to hike rates. We have lifelong friends in all these places and it's not difficult to compare rates with friends or go online and find the costs for kilowatt hours in other parts of the Midwest.

Please know we understand about average cost increases and energy costs more today than it did yesterday...etc etc. But it must give potential incoming citizens considering moving to the state of Indiana pause when they read articles like this and there's been more written on cost comparison since this one:

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/environment/2022/12/05/utility-energy-electric-bills-indiana-utilities-customers-fossil-fuel-costs/69689232007/>

We would have been at that hearing today if we could have.

We have friends that work for Centerpoint btw. I feel for them because you do make it awkward for them by making the news so much. They don't tell me but they don't have to.

Thanks for hearing us all out and for your consideration today.

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John M. Hayden

3700 Tempsford Dr.
Evansville, IN 47725

hayden1962@gmail.com

From: [Johnnie pegues](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Johnnie pegues - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:07:54 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Johnnie pegues
1669 Cass Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Jon Fifer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jon Fifer - Center Point
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:38:30 PM

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Hello,

I am opposed to the Center Point rate hike that is proposed. We already have one of the highest rates in the country, have paid for a plant restructure that is not going to run for very long, and have paid for solar fields with a hike and no break even thought they are getting reduced price energy. It is getting to the point where we cannot afford to live in Southern Indiana. The income level here is not the same as the income level of the other areas that have the current rates that we have. Not to mention the record profits that Center Point has been posting. This is another hardship on those of us living on a tight budget, especially if you include the costs of food and other living necessities.

Jon F. I live in Wadesville Indiana 47638.

From: [Josh Elfreich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Josh - Center amount Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:34:27 PM

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“IURC Cause No. 45990” or CenterPoint

My name is Josh Elfreich, I live in Evansville 47720. We already have some of the highest rates in the country for electric and the additional fees for our service are currently double what the actual utility usage is. We are in a monopolized market and the Center Point continues to keep drive rates up. If they don't get a rate increase they charge service fees and other add ins.

Thanks

Josh

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Josh Hogan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Josh Hogan - Rate Hike
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:38:38 PM

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My wife and I are small business owners, we have struggled with utilities as we are saving to upgrade. Another increase is truly challenging for our situation. With record profits on your newly acquired position locally we applaud that. We understand the the municipality upgrade is vital for economic growth and sustainable future. We realize it's political and you'll be awarded the increase but would like to tell you our small side. We appreciate the hard work and great efforts of the staff that has made center point so amazing in their reponse time when the grid has gone down or the swift response that is Givin when just a small sector is down. Thanks for your time but hopefully you'll consider maybe breaking down the increase over a few years rather then a lump sum. Embarrassingly as it may to reach out, but , with best regards the hogan's. Thanks

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin Turnage
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:29:08 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Justin Turnage

Email: weatherman289@gmail.com

Phone:

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint energy seeking a rate increase is detrimental to residents in Southern Indiana. I have family in Terre Haute with Duke Energy and they pay less for a larger residence for electricity. Indiana has one of the highest rates per KWh and if this rate increase is approved it'll push that higher. There's no reason that in the summer time electricity should cost \$200-300 a month for an apartment. Centerpoint is money hungry, and it hurts the people struggling living paycheck to paycheck.

From: [Karen Baehl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Dixon - Centerpoint 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:51:55 PM

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Dear OUCC Board,

The Department of Energy defines high energy burden as over 6% of annual income. The current Centerpoint rates in the Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County, Indiana, bring the total to just under the 6% of median income. The proposed Centerpoint rate hike for Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County; however, will put us well over that amount. Please deny the Centerpoint rate hike request on the basis of it exceeds the 6% annual income threshold and will significantly burden residents, industry, agriculture, and the local economy. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Karen Dixon
Gibson County, Indiana Resident

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karla Kappler
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 6:38:15 AM

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Address:
Evansville
IN
47711

Utilities: CENTERPOINT
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case 45990

CENTERPOINT ENERGY has done nothing but submit rate increases since taking over Vectren, and asking Indiana to cover its past debt for projects underestimated and debt today that will become another rate increase for consumers continuing while to INCREASE CENTERPOINT'S PROFIT margin at the expense of residential customers who are already paying exorbitant rates after the continuing rate increases granted in the last 5 years. CENTERPOINT needs to show it can rein in its debt instead of continually requesting increases to cover expenses that were to be covered in the previous rate increases granted by OUCC.
NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karla Kappler
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 6:52:28 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Karla Kappler
Email: kkapp6961@aol.com
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Address:
Evansville
IN
47711

Utilities: CENTERPOINT

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: After January 2024's cold snap, my widowed mother, at age 90, is paying OVER \$1,000.00 for her March payable statement due to having to use the "electric heat option" as temperatures were in single digits when it was previously less than \$300! That is her ENTIRE Social Security check! NEVER has she paid this much to keep warmth in her home!!! CENTERPOINT'S current rates are outrageous, and now they have the audacity to request MORE???

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregiously request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathryn Ruthenburg
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:37:46 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kathryn Ruthenburg
Email: k.ruthenburg@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Evansville
IN
47714

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am writing to provide comment on CenterPoint proposed rate increases in Evansville, Indiana (Cause No. 45990). My spouse and I are lifelong residents of Evansville, and have chosen to raise our family here. We have bachelor and graduate degrees and work full time, and are fortunate enough to be able to cover our family's monthly expenses, including the high cost of education for our children. However, should the proposed rate increase take effect (in addition to previous increases of monthly utility costs over the years), we would be spending so much on utilities, that we would have to cut other necessities from our family budget. As a result, our children would suffer a great loss of opportunities critical to their development and education. As a social worker and therapist, I work with individuals and families of varying socioeconomic status, and I worry about how rate increases may impact them. Many of them have fixed monthly incomes, paying all their expenses out of a meager disability/SSI benefit. Most of them already spend the majority of their monthly income on utility bills, and should there be a rate increase, they'd be paying even more, forcing many to not be able to purchase food or other necessities of daily living, or worse, cause them to become homeless. This is a crisis. The situation is untenable for the majority of our citizens. There is no logical reason for utility costs in Evansville, IN (a place known to have a very reasonable cost of living) to be among the highest in the country. I ask that CenterPoint's request for a rate hike be denied, and the best interest of our citizens be placed ahead of CenterPoint's greed. Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Kaylee Simmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaylee Simmons - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:33:25 PM

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Please decline the proposed increase from Center Point Energy. We are already struggling enough trying to make ends meet. This increase will be detrimental. It doesn't benefit the individuals paying the bills. Instead it causes more hardships for the bare necessities. We shouldn't have to decide whether to pay for heat or buy groceries. Whether to have the lights on or buy medicine. I don't know of anyone who can go to their employer and request that high of an increase in pay. It wouldn't be in the budget, just like this increase is not in the budget. Please do not allow this increase to occur. Times are tough and we should not be making it tougher. A lot of us are already struggling to make ends meet. This would make it impossible to remain on time and in good standing with all of our bills. Please consider the citizens and the harmful effects it would have on each and every one of us.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kaylee Simmons

Vanderburgh County

From: [linda oliver](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda J Oliver - Center Point Energy IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:06:09 PM

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As I write this I am watching a commercial for Center Point telling me how much they care. Then I look at my bill history and realize that my average bill from them has increased from about \$100 per month to over \$150 per month. Last month it was nearly \$250. I live in the same home, and constantly receive letters from them about how well I compare to other people. Well, I would think so. I am a retired widow living alone on a fixed income. I keep my heat set on 64 during the day and 60 at night. In the summer I keep my air on 78. I unplug everything I am not using, including the tv at night. I use the most efficient bulbs, put in a new efficient furnace and air conditioner, and never turn on more than one light. I have no way to bring in any more money and see no way to cut my usage any more. And I am not alone. Many people, including families with small children, are much worse off than I am. Meanwhile, Center Point wants us to pay more every time the calendar changes. They are a monopoly, unfettered by anyone. They continually add and increase fees without any understandable explanation, then say they haven't raised rates. They have certainly raised our bills.

Please do your job and stand up for the consumers in southwest Indiana who already pay the highest rates in the state by far. Please tell them to stop advertising, that would save them a lot of money. Please tell them that, just as we have had to tighten our belts, so should they. It seems to me that your job is to rein in monopolies like Center Point and protect the citizens of Indiana. Please deny their request for any more rate hikes.

Thank you for letting me comment.

Linda J Oliver
8330 Buck Ridge Trail
Evansville, Indiana. 47712-7636
812-205-0280

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Nick Perdue](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nick Perdue - Center Point Energy Rate Increase Case
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:35:48 PM

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Hello I am a customer of Center Point Energy and I would be extremely grateful if you were to deny center point energy their rate increase they applied for on Dec. 5 2023. Center points energy's gross profits for 2023 are 6.489 billion dollars! That is a 5 percent increase from the previous year. I struggle to pay my electric bills each year as it is to increase this even more would have yet another massive negative impact on myself and my family. It's a ridiculous request to ask to make even more than 6 billion dollars each year! Center points CEO makes \$37.8 million as salary while I struggle to pay my electricity bill on a salary of \$100,000 and I work constant overtime to do that! We are a family of 5 and cannot afford to pay for childcare and have my wife work or we would not do anything but break even doing so. Meanwhile he is playing golf and enjoying a country club that has a membership fee that is more than I make each year. Billions in profit and millions in salary is ok because companies and individuals are not in business to lose money I understand that but they can do without making another 5 percent on the billions they already make by harming their customers with rate increases! Someone has to draw a line and I trust that you will do that! They can reapply next year but as it stands their cost increases for this year should not exceed the amount of profit that they will make. If they post a \$3 billion profit increase instead of \$6 billion profit increase this year it will only serve to help their customers!! They can still compete and continue to pay out their shareholders at that rate! They are in a unique position to make profits because they operate in a state that produces 35 million tons of coal each year! They don't have to pay exorbitant prices to get that coal nor to ship it!

Sincerely,
Nick Perdue

From: [Kaylee Simmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaylee Simmons - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:36:35 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Kaylee Simmons
Bronson Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kaylee Simmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaylee Simmons - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:01:01 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Kaylee Simmons
3601 Bronson Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Lani Ethridge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lani Ethridge - CenterPoint, Cause 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:08:13 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am a residential electric customer of CenterPoint. I request that the Commission deny CenterPoint's proposed rate hike that would increase my monthly utility bills by nearly \$50 over the next two years.

A public utility is supposed to charge only what is reasonable and just, and this proposed rate hike is neither. CenterPoint already earns a hefty profit and charges the highest rates in the state, yet the customers it is supposed to serve have incomes that are far below the Indiana median average. People in the Evansville area cannot afford the rates that CenterPoint demands. So often I look in the classified section of the newspaper and see that, in the midst of columns of foreclosure notices, CenterPoint is seeking yet another "adjustment" to its charges, trackers, etc. We replaced our old furnace with a heat pump, keep the thermostat at 68 in the daytime, lower at night, but our utility bills keep going up.

CenterPoint charges are an unjust and unreasonable burden on residential customers. I ask that the Commission address this by taking the following actions:

- 1) Lower CenterPoint's return on equity. It is unfair for CenterPoint to have a very high profit margin while its customers are struggling to pay utility bills.
- 2) Deny CenterPoint's proposed residential fixed charge increase. CenterPoint's proposed fixed charge of \$23.20 would be the highest of any investor-owned electric utility in Indiana, and one of the highest in the country.
- 3) Deny CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation proposal because it forces residential customers to subsidize the electricity bills of big industrial customers.
- 4) Deny CenterPoint's request to remotely disconnect customers.
- 5) Deny all unnecessary costs, such as for CenterPoint's lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, and the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case. It is unjust to make customers pay for costs CenterPoint incurs while opposing the best interests of its customers.

Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise rates and the fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Lani Ethridge
10615 Schaeffer Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keith Potter
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 12:16:37 PM

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Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cont., This rate increase will effect every business, store, church, hospital, post office, factory, gas station, government buildings, schools! It will cause even more inflation. This inflation will be paid for by us, the consumer. Center Point is not hurting for money. Their rich shareholders prove that. If anything, these rates should be lowered. We also shouldn't have to pay for the losses that occurred in Texas during those periods of outages. Is it true that people have died, because Center Point Energy turned the power off on people that needed it to heat their homes during freezing temperatures in Texas! Sounds like Center Point is owned by rich oil tycoons. Everything is bigger in Texas, even their bank accounts. My God have mercy on their soul of the owners and shareholders of Center Point Energy, especially when people die due to Center Point disconnecting their electric and gas!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keith Potter
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:43:43 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Keith Potter
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Phone: (812) 661-7491
Address: 583 S COMET LN
SANTA CLAUS
IN
47579

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I would like to start out by saying that these rate increases with CenterPoint Energy are ridiculous! We are pushed into buying energy efficient appliances, furnaces, air conditioner units, and LED Lighting systems. We do everything that we can as a consumer to save money, then CenterPoint Energy has a ridiculous increase in their rates for us as customers and should be stopped. I wonder if people that are in charge of CenterPoint Energy operate their heat and electricity such as running one light bulb per room, unplugging all accessories and appliances? I bet they don't because they have such a ridiculous bank account thanks to us the consumer for paying a tremendous amount of fees and lining their pockets with billions of dollars! What a shame we have to live in a country today full of greed and no compassion whatsoever, for the people that work in this country and built this country we are just being put back in to a Depression era due to the greed that we are experiencing right now! I bet the owners of the company run their heat at probably 70° during cold weather when some of us can't run it any more than 58° because we can't afford to! We are told to save save save and this company wants to take every penny that we save just so they can line their pockets deeper and deeper! I feel for the seniors in this country that cannot make any more than what Social Security pays them and they get hit with a bill that they can't afford to pay because if they pay it then they won't have any more money for food or water or gas or medical! CenterPoint Energy wants to keep continuing with ads in Post online about how wonderful of a company they are, they are not a wonderful company, they could care less about the people in this country that pay them!

From: [kelly Jarnagn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Jarnagn - What does one do?
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 11:26:16 PM

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My electric bill was 50\$ higher than it has EVER BEEN the 9 yrs . That I have lived in my 980 square ft energy efficient brand new home, We built our own homes , through the USDA program, which goes by your income for ppl who work very hard at minimum wage jobs ,etc. I love this home but i have since retired and on a 866 \$ a month income after working my entire life ,and my electric bill is absolutely going to drown me if it continues to go up and up and up. I am very conscious of my heat and a c temperature settings, very few, if any lights used. No dishwasher use. A few loads of laundry a week, and using a cold wash and a warm shower for 1, each day, using hot water heater . The bill is outrageous for no more than i use my electricity. Everyday living to pay housing expenses is sucking the life out of MY LIFE ..I thought about just leaving for a month , everything turned off , and see what my bill is for no use of electricity....i feel and would bet money it would be estimated and at a price outstandingbecause i barely use any now and it is JUST EXACTLY THAT....Sucking money out of the consumer , just to make more money for the Corporation. It is outrageous and unjust to everyday working people. If it continues , i will sell my home i worked so hard for and move to another state where i can Live and billed at a reasonable rate... centerpoint is absolutely outrageous and ridiculous and thieving from the consumer only because YOU CAN. SAD . Sad. Sad!!!! Kelly Jarnagin Chandler Indiana 264 Mallard Circle 8126475365

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kevin Moore
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Phone: (812) 306-4617
Address:
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Regarding cause # 45990:

I am a resident of Vanderburgh County and a homeowner for 45 years. It has been a tough road through the years what with house payments, repairs, insurance, property taxes and utilities. Now that I am retired I am witnessing all of the above (except for house payments) increasing greatly but my income is fixed.

Vanderburgh County residents are being taken advantage of by our utility companies. Water, Gas and Electric utilities have raised their rates at every opportunity it seems. Centerpoint Energy recently entered this market and has taken every opportunity to seek a rate increase. and we now have the highest rates in the state. Now their highly paid management and attorneys are at it again with another scheme to squeeze every last dollar out of Vanderburgh County residents. We can no longer afford their services!

Since you are our representatives , you are the only ones that can protect us against this Texas based monopoly. Please deny them this request and future rate increase proposals made by them. Thank you !

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kiersten Roberts
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:15:20 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kiersten Roberts
Email: kmdeig@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Evansville, IN is the 19th most expensive City by yearly Utility Cost. This comes from the U.S. Utilities Market Size and Household Spending Report. When taking the 379 cities listed in the Utilities Market/Spend by U.S. Cities (with population of 40k+) and ordering them from most expensive to least expensive by cost per year, Evansville, IN is 19th in 2023. Now CenterPoint wants to raise our rates even more! After applying the rate hike, we would be in the top 5 based on this report. Evansville, IN is the only city in the Top 20 cities with a median income of less than \$50,000. The CEO of Centerpoint makes an annual salary of approx \$37 million a year and Centerpoint's gross annual profit recently was approximately 8 BILLION for one fiscal year. Centerpoint does not need a rate increase.

From: [Kyle Martin](#)
To: [IUC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: [Kyle Martin](#); [Linda Linda Martin](#); [Shannon Kruse](#); [Kim Baker](#)
Subject: Kyle Martin - IJRC Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:10:46 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

In relation to IJRC Cause No. 45990, I object to such monetary rate hikes. I'm the only one living in my home. I use Eco setting thermostat and house is set at 66. My bill jumped over \$100 already last month! Get us a utility competitor, utilize that solar that keeps all counties fighting to keep out and one reason is their electricity isn't even staying on the grid here; rather shipping it to NIPSCO! I don't prefer solar, by the way. So, find us other electric power. How can CenterPoint keep continuing to escalate our bills, such ridiculousness to keep being the highest charging company? This is just one house but I hope my concerns are heard! Increase revenues by \$118.8M. NO to this:

- 1: Increase your base electric rate by 20%-24% over the next 2 years.
- 2: Over double your month electric service fee.
- 3: Allow for remote disconnection of services, including those that may require a powered medical device. NO.

Frustrated, more quick facts -

- 1: CenterPoint currently charges more than the other 11 electricity providers in Indiana, by average, 30%
- 2: Received a flyer by mail that justified this rate hike to offset a 7 year, \$446.5M project that is completed. Yes, completed, and that is \$63.8M per year...
- 3: Did you know CenterPoint executives (6 people) together made \$79.2M in 2021 during the middle of said project? That was a 122% raise from the previous year

NO THANK YOU!

Flyer says to add your name, city, zip code, & either email address or ph #.

Thank you,
Bradly K. Martin
Evansville, IN 47725
bkmarin22@gmail.com
812.598.8749



From: [Kimberly Sitzman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Sitzman - CenterPoint Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:05:44 PM

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A rise in rate by CenterPoint should NOT be approved for the following reasons:

1. The electricity/gas used in our homes is a NEED, not a WANT. Services such as cable TV, online streaming services, music streaming packages, etc. are all wants. They are not necessary for daily living. However our water/sewage services and electricity/gas services are necessary for people's most basic human needs.
2. We cannot shop around and choose another company to deliver our energy. As a result, companies like CenterPoint are able to charge whatever they want, and customers have no choice but to pay whatever rate is dictated to them.
3. Since CenterPoint has taken over, the neighborhood that I live (Willow Creek Subdivision behind USI) has had so many more power surges and outages (when there is no inclement weather) than ever before. Our neighborhood can no longer even rely on when will have energy because it goes out so often.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts,

Kim Sitzman

From: [Leia Isbell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leia Isbell - Centerpoint Rate hike
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 10:38:44 AM

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Leia Isbell
Chandler IN 47610
812-773-2127

My electric bill is already regularly half the cost of my mortgage. They are already price gouging at a phenomenally excessive rate, something Has to be done about this company and its ethics!

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Taylor
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:39:35 PM

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Name: Kim Taylor
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Phone: (812) 480-9029
Address: 8990 Ridge View Lane
Mount Vernon
IN
47620
Utilities: Gas and electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I think it's ridiculous to increase rates any higher than they are in our area. People are trying to raise their families and put food on the table. You shouldn't have ask people to make choices to keep their utilities on or put food on the table. Elderly people are on fixed budgets and raise increases make a negative impact on their quality of life.

From: [Kristi Green](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristi Green - Utility Rate Increase concern
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:58:20 AM

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While the article states that the utility rate increase has not yet happened and the public is able to voice its concern at a meeting on February 29 here in Evansville, IN at the Old National Events Plaza. We all know that this is typical politics and that the increase will happen no matter what the consumer fights against. Who is going to vote for an increase, when people are barely able to pay their bills as it is?

Centerpoint Energy is a monopoly. It has the highest rates in the whole entire state of IN. A 1000 Kwh through Centerpoint is the same amount that Duke Energy is for 2300 Kwh. Sad!

Sad that the CEO of Centerpoint is making nearly 38 million a year (as of 2021) and the average annual salary for a household is \$67,173 per census.gov

The rate of foreclosures is 1 of every 3,084 homes, with Indiana ranking 9th in the US. Over 828,000 Centerpoint customers are already behind on their electric bills totaling over 4.2 million in debt and you want to "propose" a hike increase? According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics the cost of groceries have went up 10.4% from Dec of 22 to Dec of 23 and yet you want to increase the electric rates? Centerpoint made a gross profit of 6.489 BILLION dollars for September of 2023 which was a 5.32% increase the year 2022. Centerpoint should be absolutely ashamed of itself.

How about the consumers propose that the CEO cut his pay along with the Vice Presidents, CFO and so on. People are having a hard enough time as it is and then you want to slap them in the face? Shame on you.

From: [Kristi Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristi Harris - Centerpoint proposed rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:56:39 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to weigh in on Centerpoint's requested rate increase. According to a recent news article, the requested increase would allow Centerpoint to upgrade their system. In other words, instead of reinvesting their profits like any other business would do, they want to pass the cost off on the customers; customers who have no alternative source for utility services.

If my chosen grocery store remodels and raises prices to cover that cost, I can shop at a different store. In fact, I have an app on my phone I use to shop for the best prices on items I need. I have an app to find cheaper gas for my car. If my auto insurance raises prices, I can shop around. I think the price of cable television is ridiculous, so I bought an \$80 antenna 5 years ago, and watch free broadcast tv. I had the right to cut the cord. I don't pay for home internet, I use the internet on my smartphone. And if the cost of my phone plan goes up, again, I can shop around.

I already keep my thermostat set on 67 in the winter, boil water in a tea kettle to add warm moisture to the air, and block drafts with insulated curtains, etc; in the summer I open the windows, don't turn on my AC until the temp hits 78-80 and cook outside so I don't heat up the house. I'm doing all I can do and still the Centerpoint bill continues to increase.

I have the flexibility to shop around for cheaper prices, and in some cases eliminate every other expense, except electricity, natural gas and water. Three things that are absolute necessities!

Why should Centerpoint be allowed to continue making record profits instead of reinvesting their profits?

Centerpoint is a monopoly, I have no choice but to use their services.

You are Centerpoint customers' only hope for controlling these prices. Please help us.

Thank you,
Kristi Harris



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From: [Kristie Hayden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristie Hayden - Center Point Energy Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 2:18:39 PM

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From: Kristie Hayden 812-430-1894 kha2523862@spectrum.net

I am protesting the current request for a Center Point Energy rate increase. I live in southwestern Indiana and we are already paying the highest rates in the state. I understand the need for the company to make a reasonable profit from their services, but the last profit and loss statements from the company make it clear that they are already making or exceeding a reasonable profit. I am on a fixed income, and the company states in their own projections that their services will increase to @ \$200.00 per month at my rate of usage. That will equal one fifth of my monthly income. The state of Indiana already is helping me pay my Center Point energy bills at times. If my bills are increased, I don't know if the help the state is able to offer will be enough. Passing the rate increase on to the state and therefore to the taxpayers is not anything desirable. I am not alone.

This statement is made on my own behalf. Thank you for your patience in hearing my request.
Kristie Hayden

From: [Kristina Kurtz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristina Kurtz - Centerpoint, Evansville Rate Request
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:42:36 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-bqep2se3](#)

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Evansville who is part of the working class and just trying to be a productive member of this community. It seems there is frequently a request from Centerpoint for rate increases, when the previous rate increase that was approved is still being phased in. People in Evansville are struggling and this is causing undue stress on families to make payments on basic necessities. These should not be problems we are facing today.

Centerpoint has a mission statement, and they claim to "live the values". Their values include integrity, accountability, and respect for customers and communities among others. How is charging at least double for distribution charges than actual gas charges integrity? Being accountable for investing in the infrastructure and making our utilities more affordable instead of rewarding all profits to executives should be the path taken. Not charging customers more when they are already utility poor and struggling to make decisions of what bill will get paid and what they will sacrifice to make sure basic needs are met. With respect for humankind, it would be nice to see a corporation focus on the actual customer and not just the dollar sign for once.

Evansville needs competition for the utility services we are provided. We only have the option of Centerpoint yet one county over in Posey county, Duke Energy is an option. Right across the river in Henderson, Kenergy is the utility provider. If we can have I69 run through multiple states and share the cost, and Centerpoint is in multiple states, I see no reason that we can't have some competition here in Evansville for our utilities.

Respectfully,

Kristina Kurtz, CHAM

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My role has changed, I am now on the Centralized CNFB and ePARS Team, please forward all PATIENT ACCESS requests to RCO MANAGER Tessa Cundiff for the Evansville/ORTHO areas, thank you.

Relevant Links:

ePARS Access Link: If you lost access or have a new user paste this link into your URL and it will redirect you to a Microsoft form to fill out.

<https://forms.office.com/r/f8stPygZhe>

ePARS Team Channel Link: If you need access to the current ePARS decision tree or would like to submit a quality issue to be reviewed by the ePARS team this can be done within our Microsoft Teams Channel

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From: [Kyra Lahmayer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kyra Lahmayer - Center Point energy rates
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:11:32 PM

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My concerns on this topic, is I am not too happy with the rate increase, and what seems to be a continuous increase as the months go on.

Being a single mom, it is hard to provide everything with a single income, even with assistance.

I have to chose, do I buy food, or do I pay \$500+/-mo for a single bill?
Do I pay rent, or pay the electric bill?

Inflation has gotten so much worse, and the cost of living is outrageous.

I am approaching this as a single mother, with 2 children, and 1 on the way, living in a residential area, as a customer.

There is no need for multiple increases. I do not feel a though it's helping anything, except the center point / vectren business , by putting \$\$\$ in their pockets, as we are loosing \$\$ for our families.

We ask that the rates decrease significantly, and make it more affordable.

Obviously something is not right, if the public / customers have to voice their opinions in the office!

Business will be lost with these ridiculous rates.

When I first began service, I was paying \$150-\$200/mo.

Now I am paying \$350+ / mo.
And sometimes I do not even use electricity that much!

Please decrease the rates, and make it affordable for those of us who use your services, aka everybody that lives in Evansville.

You're the only electric company that is available, and if there was another company available with much lower rates, I promise, your company will plunge to the ground.

Be good to your customers, who remain loyal with no other choice. Please decrease the rates, and make it affordable.

Thank you !

- Kyra. ☺

From: [Jeff Greenwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Letters
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:04:18 AM

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I just sent you a letter voicing my opposition to a Center point rate increase.

I want you to know that I sent you a similar email several years ago and a Vectren truck appeared at my door. The worker said a 'move' ordered was in their system and she was sent to shutoff my power. I quickly told her that I wasn't moving and to cancel that order. I took no other action at the time although I regret it now.

If I get another threat of this nature I will be pursuing legal remedies either civil or potentially criminal.

Jeffrey D. Greenwell, MBA, Agent

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From: [Fran Jansik](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leveda Jansik - Centerpoint gouging
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:31:03 PM

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I'm asking for your help with my energy bill being more than doubled last month. I'm a 70-year-old retired single person that lives in a 600 square foot apartment (senior community) in Evansville Indiana. I keep my thermostat 68 when I'm home and awake and at 64 in the evening when I sleep. My last Energy bill was \$300.06, more than double of what it usually is. The energy bill was more than half of what I spent on rent monthly. Are the citizens in this town supposed to go without food and other things that we need just so that we can be overcharged all the time whenever Center Point feels like it. I've called five times and ask for senior staff and management but continuously get the same pat answers no matter who I speak to. I reverse my fans, cover all my windows with plastic, weather seal my doors and unplug everything except my television when I leave. I'm going to have to move out of state where citizens are not served by CenterPoint Energy.

Please help.

Sincerely,

Leveda Jansik

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From: [Lindsey Wiethop](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lindsey Martin - CenterPoint Rate increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 1:15:45 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident, business owner, and concerned citizen regarding CenterPoint Energy. They are the sole provider of natural gas and electricity in our area and have continued to increase rates, distribution, service fees, etc to the point of nearly crippling its customer base in this area. As a former employee of Vectren, I understand some certain costs and fees have to be paid, and do not fault the employees of CenterPoint. However, I have seen firsthand the increased cost and demand on city and state government that comes with increased and unpayable utility bills. If the citizens and residents in our area continue to experience repeated increases in rates, we will have more disconnections due to nonpayment, increased requests for local funds for assistance, increase in evictions, homelessness...the list continues. I have yet to see the underground lines being installed in Evansville, which was one of the reasons for previous rate increases...

Something has to give and it's going to wind up becoming the state's burden as more and more of their citizens are unable to pay the basic utilities and become more dependent on state funds.

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Lindsey Martin
Client Coordinator
Vance Interactive/ PCtlc
Evansville, Indiana
812-618-0769

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Bartley
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:18:51 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Lisa Bartley

Email: bartley.l@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 946-2355

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please reject CenterPoint's request for rate increases. Our economy status does not support this rate increase of a basic necessity. The average citizen in this region cannot pay for this increase. We will continue to lose our population to outside region that are not serviced by CenterPoint. You are the only option we have to control this company's constant price increases. This is unsustainable for most of our population. Respectfully,
Lisa Bartley

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Junita Skelton
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:10:50 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Junita Skelton

Email: junitaskelton@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 202-3562

Address: 11577 N Old State Rd.

Gentryville

IN

47537

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Granting a rate increase for Centerpoint will heavily burden all customers and force them to choose between electricity and food or medicine as I have had to do this month. With this month's 515.00 dollar bill, I could not cover other necessities. It is the highest bill since I moved into my house in 1978. Fixed income customers cannot absorb this level of cost let alone proposed increase. I was forced this month to delay needed medication in order to pay electric. We are a captive customer base with no other free market choices, already being held hostage. Please do not grant higher rates that will boost shareholder profits while gutting the lives of people like me.

From: [Sunta, Anthony \(URC\)](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: New Inquiry 137122 CRM:0351000001057
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:20:13 PM

Customer Type: Residential
Customer: Kathleen Day
Business Phone: 8125686443
Home Phone:
Contact Phone: 8125686443
Service Address: 200 West Wortman Road
City, State, ZIP: Evansville , IN , 47725
Email: kdtooth@aol.com

Case Description: They are wanting to raise our rates again! They are already charging us the highest rates in Indiana! When will it stop? This is ridiculous, people can't afford to continue to pay for this! They want to raise it 50.00 per MONTH! That is at least 600.00 per year increase! They just continue to raise our rates all the time, we have no recourse, because there is no one else we can get our energy through! Help!

From: [Lisa Stinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Stinson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:50:43 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

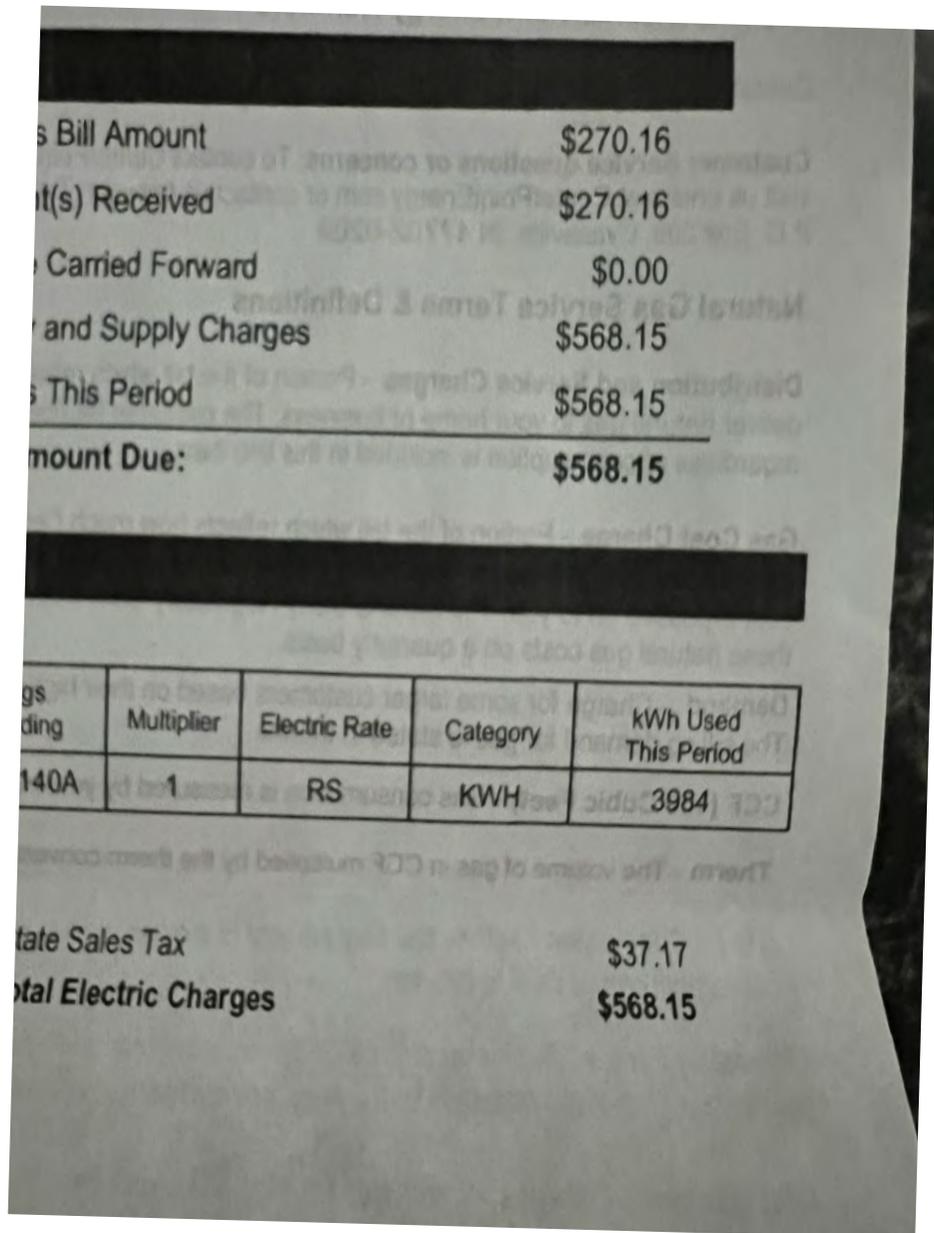
Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Lisa Stinson
8274 Nolia Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lizeth Castellanos](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lizeth Castellanos - Electric Bill
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 2:33:12 PM

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It is very sad for me to have to choose between feeding my children and being able to pay this! My bill was already previously increased. Going from \$170ish to \$270ish and now this! What am i supposed to do? What can trully be done by the people?!



From: [Lois](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lois Armitage - comment regarding proposed energy rate increase
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:59:03 PM
Attachments: [energy1.PNG](#)
[energy2.PNG](#)

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am Lois Armitage, 5822 Lisa Lane, Newburgh IN.
I am 70 years old. My husband (78) and I are now both retired.

I find it totally incomprehensible that CenterPoint Energy is looking for a rate increase. Our part of the state for decades experienced reasonable, and actually lower rates than some. CenterPoint purchased Vectren, and everything changed dramatically.

I have attached two items which were easily found on the internet regarding rates, and worse – salaries of the CEO of CenterPoint – and the great increases he has gained.

There is reasonable cost for services and there is greed. This company and its leaders should be ashamed at the salaries and bonuses that are given to their executives while creating rates that cause some to go without gas and electric to their homes.

I urge you to consider your responsibility to the public – including me. There is no magic pot of money we can dip into to provide more for our utilities and more to line the pockets of the CP executives. We already keep winter heat at 65 and summer air at 78. I do not see how we can cut back any further.

You must deny this increase. And hold them accountable for their greed – they have a responsibility to the public.

Please reply with an email or phone call so I know that this email was received, read, and made part of the record of complaints.

Very concerned,

Lois Armitage
812-490-2262
Loisarmitage@gmail.com
Newburgh IN

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CenterPoint Energy's main office in Downtown Evansville, Indiana.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — CenterPoint Chief Executive Officer David Lesar saw his compensation rise sharply in 2021.

According to the company's [proxy statement](#) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Lesar received total compensation of \$37.8 million last year. That's compared to \$11.9 million in 2020, when he took over as CEO mid-year.

More than \$33 million of that came from stock. In a statement to the Courier & Press, CenterPoint called that

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES

The following tables show compensation information for: (i) our Chief Executive Officer, our President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, our Former Executive Vice President, Utility Operations and our Former Executive Vice President, Customer Transformation and Business Services for the periods ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020; and (ii) our Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the periods ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal Year 2022

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Option Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plans Compensation ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Change in Pensions and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings ⁽²⁾ (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
David J. Lesar Chief Executive Officer	2022	1,423,243	—	8,481,240	—	3,407,250	—	536,184	13,867,875
	2021	1,425,000	—	23,359,999	—	2,116,125	—	906,686	27,809,810
	2020	875,000	—	8,169,886	—	2,463,750	—	627,549	11,946,295
Jason P. Wells President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer	2022	667,463	—	1,737,897	—	960,063	—	193,847	3,458,670
	2021	665,000	—	1,675,003	—	548,625	—	362,752	3,251,380
	2020	169,886	—	2,625,007	—	731,800	—	116,813	3,643,507
Scott E. Doyle Former Executive Vice President, Utility Operations	2022	563,504	—	1,500,000	—	—	(119,284)	90,477	2,034,702
	2021	518,750	—	897,503	—	399,437	34,944	100,383	2,051,015
	2020	487,500	—	849,989	—	462,600	113,597	61,067	1,974,753
Monica Karutian Executive Vice President and General Counsel	2022	552,462	180,000	1,182,006	—	669,900	9,494	71,527	2,505,350
	2021	527,500	80,000	971,997	—	377,363	30,437	65,754	2,052,851
Gregory E. Knight Former Executive Vice President, Customer Transformation and Business Services	2022	506,396	—	1,886,977	—	612,150	(15,660)	95,624	2,205,487
	2021	496,249	—	949,879	—	382,112	(1,831)	74,775	1,866,547
	2020	181,875	400,000	1,076,010	—	172,600	(982)	180,392	2,009,894

(1) For 2021, amounts for Mr. Karutian include a retention cash bonus of \$80,000. For 2022, amounts for Mr. Karutian include a cash bonus of \$100,000. For 2020, amounts for Mr. Knight include a sign-on bonus of \$400,000 approved by the Compensation Committee in connection with Mr. Knight's appointment as the Company's Executive Vice President, Customer Transformation and Business Services effective August 17, 2020.

(2) Reported amounts for our named executive officers represent the aggregate grant date fair value of awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 based on the probable achievement level of the underlying performance conditions as of the grant date. For 2021, amounts for Mr. Lesar include the retention awards under Mr. Lesar's Retention Incentive Agreement, pursuant to which Mr. Lesar received RSUs for a total of 1 million shares of Common stock that were granted through multiple annual awards in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The retention awards were valued at \$25,240,000 as of the date of Retention Incentive Agreement (July 20, 2021). Assumptions, where applicable, are the same assumptions disclosed in "Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plans and Employee Benefit Plans" in Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022. For purposes of the tables above and below, the effects of estimated forfeitures are excluded. Please also refer to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards for fiscal year 2022 table and the accompanying footnotes.

From: [Lori Cart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Cart - Centerpoint rate increases
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 5:55:44 AM

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I know I'm just one person but I'm one person on a fixed income. This winter's heating bill has almost broke me. I cannot possibly afford another increase to my bill. I have a monthly heating budget of \$200 and it has ran over repeatedly even though it was a warm winter. For the love of God don't increase it to the point I have to move again. There are alot of us on fixed income so please.

Lori Cart
John Street Evansville

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From: [Cindy Long Grayson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: [LUCINDA GRAYSON](#)
Subject: Lucinda L Grayson
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:05:46 PM

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Reference IURC cause No 45990

I absolutely oppose this outrageous rate increase!!! The current average rate in Indiana is \$.15/kwhr. Our current rate in evansville, in is \$.2072/kwhr. The national average rate is \$.18/kwhr! We are already paying way more then the average rate in Indiana and the national rate! Do not approve this request to increase the rate in evansville, in, by centerpoint energy. They obviously have some very serious operating issues that they need to get right! Your job is to protect the consumer from this type of outrageous request! I expect you to protect us!

Lucinda L Grayson
4212 Pirates Alley
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Madison Snodgrass](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Madison Snodgrass - Centerpoint Energy
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:53:35 AM

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I am emailing from Evansville, Indiana where my bill from Centerpoint Energy has been incredibly high and is being threatened to increase. People in this area are panicking from the high prices. Please help the people in this city keep their lights on and stop Centerpoint from allowing greed to drive them to this price increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mandi Jones
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:05:52 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Mandi Jones
Email: mandi11384@live.com
Phone: (812) 582-8337
Address: 608 E 6th St
Mount Vernon
IN
47620

Utilities: Center point energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My name is Mandi Jones. I am a mother three children. Two of my children are disabled. We live in a three bedroom house. Our electricity bills are extremely high. Last month it was over \$475.00! I make \$18.00 per hour and that's not a lot when you take into effect having to take care of three children and two have special needs. I can't afford to do anything besides pay bills. Groceries have gone up drastically high. House costs \$950, electric/gas \$475+, water \$120, groceries \$650, and phone \$60. This is where all my money goes. \$2255.00 a month! We aren't even calculating in insurance and gas to take my kids to their doctors. My household barely gets by with my income. After taxes for both federal and state/county there is no more money! There's no possible way I could afford a higher electric bill! I don't even have cable or anything extra! I have to worry about getting my special needs children the things they absolutely need! I have to pay for boost nutrition shakes, big kid pull ups (not toddler size) and so much more! I don't get food stamps or anything to help pay for the stuff in my home. Hiking up my electric bill is going to end up making my disabled children get hurt the worse in all aspects. Please know that we are hurting as it is. Hiking up the rates more will cause more damage than good.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mandy Bell
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:18:44 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Mandy Bell

Email: bellof76@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 573-3026

Address:

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please deny this huge rate increase requested by Centerpoint Energy. I feel it will cause an unnecessary hardship on lower income customers based on present economic conditions and its relatively short time frame of implementation. Thank you!

From: [Meg Connolly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret Connolly - Cause Number 45990
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:25:54 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am Margaret Connolly, a resident of Evansville, IN and a customer of CenterPoint Energy Utility. I am writing to protest their recent request for a rate hike of 30.7% by 2026. The burden of the increase will fall on customers of CenterPoint, not businesses or industries - customers who have seen their costs rise every year, or more often, because every time they have asked for one kind of increase or another you have given it to them. They are not good stewards of their money, having spent over \$500 million on pollution control equipment on aged coal fired plants which they then shut down before recovering the cost. They're now building a \$334 million power plant that will burn fossil gas which is known for its price volatility. The gas plant requires more being spent on a new gas line that is to go UNDER the Ohio River. It is unlikely that this plant will benefit local residents and when it is run will sell off much of the energy produced rather than being needed or used locally - yet we are expected to pay for it. I am retired and live on a fixed income so any small increase creates decisions I don't think it is fair for me to have to make - given how much CenterPoint has already been allowed to charge thanks to previous OURC rulings.. Those of us who live in SWIN did not have a choice of what utility company we have and the shareholders continue to reap large profits. The company has the money to pay for what it wants to do without making citizens pay for decisions we have no voice in.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Margaret Connolly
Evansville, IN

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret Rose
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:12:39 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Margaret Rose
Email: rosesx5x2@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 573-9586
Address:
Boonville
IN
47601
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Indiana South
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This comment is concerning Case #45990. I am a resident of Boonville, IN which is in southern Indiana. Ten years ago I became aware that the rate per kWh in our area was higher than many other regions in the state. That is still the case. If a household struggles to afford their electricity costs, they cannot switch to a different utility company, because there are no other options here besides CenterPoint. If they are late with their payment, fees are added on to their CenterPoint account, making it less and less likely that they can "catch up", so to speak. In this area of the state, housing leases often state that eviction will follow if the utilities to that domicile become interrupted. So the domino effect of a CenterPoint electricity discontinuation for a lessee, can mean eviction and a possibility of homelessness. Please do not allow CenterPoint Energy Indiana South to raise the monthly electric rates to the levels that they are proposing for 2024, 2025 and 2026. The average income in our area is lower than in other areas of the state, and yet our current electric kWh rates are higher. The current rate per kWh is already burdensome for many people in our area. If CenterPoint Energy Indiana South is allowed to increase the rates to their proposed amounts, the suffering of local residents will also increase to a new level.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kris Culbertson
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:28:29 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Kris Culbertson
Email: krisculbertson@hotmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am disputing the rate increase proposed for 2024 & 2025. Why is Centerpoint the highest in Indiana? How many rate increases have they had over the last five years? Delivery costs are more than the usage. You have families who are already struggling. I know people who have got disconnect notices and don't see any sign of relief available. Yet every time I pay my bill I have to click I don't want to donate. I have helped what I can but it's a struggle. At this point if this is approved again I will know that politicians pockets are being lined to pass this. Prove me wrong. Restore faith and give people some dang hope for a change. Don't make it impossible for people to get assistance either. Where are all the donated funds going to if the families I know can't get any help?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maria Riley
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:36:47 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Maria Riley
Email: mdwilson82@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 549-8598
Address: 8630 Clifton Dr
Evansville
IN
47725
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case # 45990
Please do not approve the rate increase request for the above case.

Evansville is already paying the highest rates in Indiana and among the top 20 highest utility costs in the nation. Our house has many new upgrades and we have worked hard to be energy efficient, but our bills have doubled since Centerpoint acquired Vectren and we are setting our thermostat at 62 daily to keep our bill affordable. Centerpoint needs to be more responsible with their resources. What ever happened to the cost of doing business? The captive ratepayers in southern Indiana can't afford to foot any additional improvements while we are still paying for past improvements that have been abandoned by the company (the AB Poweplant) and while Centerpoint earns the max allowed profit. Please do not pass this rate increase. The burden will be too great for southern Indian families like ours.

From: [Mark Gilles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Gilles - Center Point Energy cause 45990
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:30:20 PM

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Consumer Services Staff,

This comment is in regards to Center Point Energy Electric cause 45990.

Most reasonable utility customers understand that rate hikes are associated with funding the energy companies cost for operation. It is fact, that customers have their own maintenance cost as well. Consumers can't just go to their employer and ask them for a raise to offset cost associated with replacing a hot water heater, HVAC system, appliances, new roof or an increase in utility rates. This face it, inflation affects all of us whether it be an individual, family, business or company. This is basic economics, raising utility rates when the economy is struggling is only going to bring more financial pressure on any customer. Center Point Energy has no heart or conscience for the consumer period. The proposed rate increases for late 2024 thru early 2026 has been projected to increase Center Point Energy revenues to \$118.8 million. Let me type that again. The proposed rate increase for late 2024 thru early 2026 has been projected to increase Center Point Energy revenues by \$118.8 million. Why are all of their solar farms, which they indicated would reduce consumers monthly rates not supplementing some of the cost?

I suggest Center Point Energy find a way to help the customers and meet them half way. The customers who pay their utility bills in return helps the utility company offset their infrastructure, operating and maintenance cost. Without customers, a business will never grow.

Be a good neighbor and great things can happen!

Mark Gilles

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Birkhead
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:29:11 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Mary Birkhead
Email: mary.e.birkhead@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 618-6290
Address: 4 Madison Ave Apt A
Evansville
IN
47713
Utilities: Centerpoint- electric 45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I am a residential electric customer of CenterPoint.

I request that the Commission deny CenterPoint's proposal to increase my monthly bill by nearly \$50 over the next two years.

Why This Rate Hike Would Be Unaffordable:

CenterPoint's proposed rate hike would be harmful to me, as well as my community. I am a single person renting a home alone downtown. I am barely surviving on my income with all the money that has to go toward utility bills.

Specific Requests of the Commission:

I respectfully request that the Commission reduce the burden on residential customers by taking the following actions.

- First, I ask that the Commission significantly reduce CenterPoint's return on equity.
- Second, please deny CenterPoint's proposed residential fixed charge increase. CenterPoint's proposed fixed charge of \$23.20 would be the highest of any investor-owned electric utility in Indiana, and one of the highest in the country.
- Third, I ask that you deny the unfair cost allocation proposal by CenterPoint called "4 CP". CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation forces residential customers to subsidize the electricity bills of big industrial customers.
- Fourth, please deny CenterPoint's request to remotely disconnect customers. We need CenterPoint to stop disconnecting customers who are struggling to afford paying their power bills – not make it easier for them to disconnect even more families.
- Fifth, I request that you deny all unnecessary costs. For example, CenterPoint should not be allowed to force us to pay for its costs of its lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, please deny CenterPoint's rate hike. Please protect consumers and prioritize affordability when deciding this case. Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary E Cleveland
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:33:18 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Mary E Cleveland
Email: Mary.Cleveland200@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CenterPoint is asking for a huge increase that will have a negative impact on every customer. Our economy is terrible right now, and people cannot afford such a hit to their pocketbook, especially those of us on fixed incomes. All utilities have had increases, grocery bills are double from what they were just a couple years ago. Insurances from medical and dental to homeowners have all increased. Somebody needs to put on the breaks for at least until the next election to see if the next administration can reverse some of this downward slide to our economy. At the very least, please drastically reduce the total amount of the increase. Something has to be done to stop the bleeding pocketbooks.

From: [Mary Earley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary L. Earley - IURC Cause No.45990
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:45:00 PM

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CONSUMER: Mary L. Earley
4450 Smythe Dr.
Evansville IN 47715
REF: IURC Cause No. 45990

February 14, 2024

Gentlemen:

It is hard to believe that a Utility Company would request a \$46.20 increase a month. I wrote to you when CenterPoint requested a price increase before, but you gave your okay on their request. I hope you realize the increase also causes an increase in their Service Charge as well as an increase in the State Sales Tax. Therefore the \$46.20 is just a starting point and will be even higher!!

The customers in Evansville are being pushed to the wall without anyone willing to say NO ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!!! I am sure all Business CEO's would love to have their customers foot the bill to make their BUSINESS bigger and better without spending money.

I am a 87 year old widow on a fixed income and my February electric bill was for 37 days with the Electric charge of \$272.87 which includes a Service Charge of \$13.37 plus a State Sales Tax of \$19.11 for a total bill of \$291.98. These are charges you have okayed in the past and now the request for another increase of \$46.20 plus the add ons.

Your Commission needs to sit back and examine this ridiculous request and stand up for the consumer. I sincerely hope this letter will get better results than my last request.

Concerned Consumer,

Mary L. Earley

From: [Lee Ann Mathew](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cause Number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:26:47 PM

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing
CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 45990

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(Please print)

NAME Benny C. Tennyson
PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL mathew.leeann@yahoo.com
CITY & ZIP CODE Mount Vernon 47620

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE Benny C Tennyson DATE 2/29/2024

If you are providing written comments, you can include them on this form or attach a separate document.
Say NO to rate hikes, fees, and state tax.

You may continue your comments on the back of this sheet or attach them.

You may also send comments to the OUCC at:
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115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
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NAME James E Mathew
PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL msthew.lesann@yahoo.com
CITY & ZIP CODE New Harmony 47631

Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? *(circle one)* SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE James E Mathew DATE 2/29/2024

If you are providing written comments, you can include them on this form or attach a separate document.

Say "No" to rate hikes, fees, and state tax for Centerpoint customers.

You may continue your comments on the back of this sheet or attach them.

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(Please print)

NAME Lee Ann Tennyson
PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL mathew.leeann@yahoo.com
CITY & ZIP CODE Mount Vernon 47620

Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NO

Do you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

If you are representing any firm or organization, please provide the name:

SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 2/29/2024

Say "NO" to rate hikes & fees!!
If you are providing written comments, you can include them on this form or attach a separate document.

This is monopoly price gouging. Cut their inflated salaries (the CEO makes 34+ million??) they "donate" millions of our dollars to organizations and politicians of "their" choice which needs to be stopped and maybe stop paying millions of dollars to buy corporate sky suites at arenas and venues. Make them stop this nonsense! Also, stop making us pay! Sales tax!

You may continue your comments on the back of this sheet or attach them.

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From: [Morgan Jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Morgan Jones - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:10:24 PM

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To whom this may concern,

I am usually not someone to complain or speak out on negative situations. However, what has occurred over the last decade, more so in the last four years, is unethical. The recent rate hikes for basic energy service equals ~40-50% of homeowners monthly mortgage payments.

How does a city that averages <\$50k annual income be listed in the top 20 cities in the U.S. for energy cost?

How is our only option for energy in So. Indiana one company?

How does CenterPoint continue to be approved for rate hikes?

Why does a company that continues to show double digit growth YOY need their consumers to pay for improvements to their service?

Other corporations within the U.S. find ways to reduce cost and improve efficiencies. CenterPoint continues to lobby for government to approve rate hikes.

The excuse this year for increased rates was cold weather during the recent pay period. However, this was one of the most mild winters with only a few days of below freezing temps.

I highly doubt this letter will be given any consideration, but when does this end?

Sincerely,

The City of Evansville, IN

From: [Sunta, Anthony \(URC\)](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: New Inquiry 136947 CRM:0351000000855
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:49:42 AM

Customer Type: Residential
Customer: Owen Gogarty
Business Phone:
Home Phone: 812-457-9301
Contact Phone: 812-457-9301
Service Address: 5919 Beaver Trail
City, State, ZIP: Evansville , IN , 47715
Email: owen_gogarty@Hotmail.com

Case Description: This is a complaint against Center Point, the energy company supplying Evansville, IN. Purely doing a quick glossary search of national average power bill rates reveals the national average for a power bill ranges from 137 to 142 dollars a month. However, Evansville residents are currently paying an average of 206 dollars a month. This is around 40% more than the national average. The justification for this is difficult if not impossible to ascertain as the company does nothing more than any other energy company. Additionally, even when it comes to Center Point paying for the excess power that is put into the system by those with solar panels Center Point pays less than the national average. In essence the

comapny is charging more than all of its peers in an area of the country that has one of the lowest costs of living and then further pays those who put power back into the grid less. To top this all off Center Point has now filed a case to raise rates even more, in total 118 million dollars. Center Point claims this will go to engaging the community with vague wording of, "We support programs that not only improve the quality of life for our neighbors but also promote inclusion to help our communities thrive." There are is nothing in this statement that is concrete or affirmative as to what this means exactly instead they simply use buzz words to make this "justification" seem valid. They next claim to sustainably upgrade their practices which is laughable while also being one of the highest chargeing energy companies. Further, Indiana is in the the top 10 most expensive states for energy bills. While this may not specifically name Center Point as a problem but rather more of an indication on the practices of this very body I am sending this complaint to, it certainly cannot help matters when Center Point requests a rate increase (which begs the question how many times have they been denied, my guess is zero). Center Points third point is, "helping you save money and energy." If this truely was the case I would not have gone to the trouble of creating a profile to log in to this website, search it for the complaint page, read

through the information, look up national data, and write this complaint. Center Point's last point is, "investing in economic development" which should have been a slam dunk for them to specifically name what exactly they have done to better improve the economy in Evansville but alas nothing. In summary, this company is charging 40% more than the average, not paying those who put power back into the grid fairly, and now they are requesting a rate increase. Lastly, I would request this rate be denied, Center Point be scrutinized, and Evansville be allowed to have a competitor service the community as Center Point is abusing their local monopoly over Evansville.

From: [Morgan Summers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Morgan Summers - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:36:31 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I'm a single mom. Last months bill broke me. And right before my child's 2nd birthday too. 500\$ in just electricity. I pay 500 in rent. With just those two bills that's 1000\$. On top of everything else I pay for that we need. I was terrified my electricity would get cut off. Thankfully family helped me in paying it. But that can't be the case every month. Everyone is struggling to afford basic necessities such as electricity. It's easy for centerpoint to do this to people. They are money hungry. But we are tired. And we deserve to be heard. Our concerns deserve to be heard. People are going to end up homeless. CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Morgan Summers
431 Adams Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Sandy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Peak - Center Point rate hike
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:04:29 PM

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How can anyone justify this rate increase. Our current rates are among the highest in the State and the CEO and his staff receive salaries that are in the top 10 in the country. This monopoly has gone far enough. You are the ones that have approved increases in the past so we are at your mercy and theirs which is literally making it a hardship for hundreds if not thousands of people in our area.

I personally experienced more power outages in the last 4 years than the previous 30 years and not from storms, power just goes out and lost power for days at a time. Have lost hundreds of dollars worth of food in the fridge and freezer but Center Point doesn't pay us for the that. They already have the capital to keep there equipment fixed, repaired and replaced but we just keep losing power and bear the brunt of their mismanagement. How long are you going to penalize us by consistlantly approving these absurd rate hikes.

Sandy Peak
Newburgh, IN

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Klenck
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:57:35 AM

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Phone:
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newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: OUCC, I do not know how you have let it get to this point. There are thousands of people in the tristate area whos energy bills are more than their rent/mortgages. I am extremely disappointed in every single one of you. You have to do something about lowering the energy prices. People are literally freezing in the winter time and sweltering in the summer heat. There's so many elderly people on limited incomes who cannot afford \$500 energy bills. As a young person with a business and a home and a good job I still fret seeing the Centerpoint bill come in. I can afford my bills even though it takes a huge chunk of my paychecks... but there are thousands of people who are on very limited budgets and YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO HELP THEM. That is your job. Do something. You voluntarily chose to deal with these things. Fix this problem you have let go for too long or let someone else take your job that can actually be effective. Why are we agreeing to pay some of the highest energy prices in the Midwest? Why is Indiana not takin action to protect its citizens?

From: mwrep1080
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard McKee - Centerpoint Rate Increases Request
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:11:11 PM

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IURC Panel,

Please deny this rate increase. An increase will cause undue hardship on the area which already has the highest rates in the state. No one should have to decide between paying their utility bill or food/medicine for themselves or family members, when a companies net profits, CEO salary (see attached) and Shareholders have not shouldered any of the weight/burden.

CenterPoint wants to install gas units at AB Brown for peak unit demand that rate payers will be paying the gas rates to operate, while they sit on 3 properties that could have hydro units built, utilizing a commodity (water) that would cost rate payers nothing to power. I know hydro cost more to install, but with proper maintenance, have a 4-5 times longer lifespan than natural gas units. Again, with no cost to power them, ever.

Also, if it you vote to allow this increase (actually, even if not), please look into deregulation of this area so there would not be a monopoly and allow the consumer to decide if CenterPoint or another utility is a better option for themselves. Isn't choice always a better option?

Again, please deny this rate request for the burden it will cause already strapped Hoosiers....

Rate Payer, Tax Payer & Voter,

Richard McKee
5697 Epworth Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630
812-480-0700

CenterPoint Energy Annual Net Income
(Millions of US \$)

2022	\$1,008
2021	\$1,391
2020	\$-949
2019	\$674
2018	\$333
2017	\$1,792
2016	\$432
2015	\$-692
2014	\$611
2013	\$311
2012	\$417
2011	\$1,357
2010	\$442

David J. Lesar
Executive Compensation

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As Chief Executive Officer at CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC, David J. Lesar made \$13,867,875 in total compensation. Of this total \$1,423,241 was received as a salary, \$3,407,250 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$8,481,240 was awarded as stock and \$556,144 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2022 fiscal year.

Chief Executive Officer
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

View local and national averages for salaries

\$1,423,241	Base Pay	\$3,407,250
	Bonus + Non-Equity Incentive Comp	\$4,830,491
	Total Cash Comp	\$8,481,240
	Stock Award Value	\$0
	Option Award Value	\$8,481,240
	Total Equity	\$556,144
	Total Other	\$13,867,875
	Total Compensation	

Fiscal Year Ended in 2022

David J. Lesar
CEO

As President and Chief Executive Officer at CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC, David J. Lesar made \$37,809,810 in total compensation. Of this total \$1,425,000 was received as a salary, \$2,116,125 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$33,359,999 was awarded as stock and \$908,686 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2021 fiscal year.

President and Chief Executive Officer
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

\$1,425,000	Base Pay	
\$2,116,125	Bonus + Non-Equity Incentive Comp	
\$3,541,125	Total Cash Comp	
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\$37,809,810	Total Compensation	

Fiscal Year Ended in 2021

David J. Lesar
CEO

CEO

As President and Chief Executive Officer at CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC, David J. Lesar made \$11,946,295 in total compensation. Of this total \$675,000 was received as a salary, \$2,463,750 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$8,169,996 was awarded as stock and \$637,549 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2020 fiscal year.

President and Chief Executive Officer
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

\$675,000	Base Pay	
\$2,463,750	Bonus + Non-Equity Incentive Comp	
\$3,138,750	Total Cash Comp	
\$8,169,996	Stock Award Value	
\$0	Option Award Value	
\$8,169,996	Total Equity	
\$637,549	Total Other	
\$11,946,295	Total Compensation	

Fiscal Year Ended in 2020

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon N Pritchard
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:51:15 PM

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Evansville

IN

47713-2611

Utilities: Centerpoint rate increases

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause #45990. I am writing to file my complaint against Centerpoint Energy and their attempt to raise our rates by \$50 a month. They are a giant corporation that makes millions in profits while those of us who are paying the highest residential rates in the state, and in some cases, the country, barely make enough money to survive. If infrastructure improvement is needed, then Centerpoint can reinvest their profits back into their infrastructure to provide better access and rates for consumers. It is an outrage that Indiana has allowed a monopoly like this to exist, and action must be taken to alleviate the financial stress that is never-ending from Centerpoint. How many increases are the public expected to absorb when our economy and wages are stagnant. Something must be done about this situation. It is becoming cruel and inhumane. Thank you, Shannon Pritchard

From: [Matt Killian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Killian - Center point rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:01:17 PM

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I know you guys do not make the decision but please recommend to reject the rate hike proposal. I unfortunately won't be able to attend the meeting because I know how to pick up a second job mainly to pay my electric bill. Adding another roughly \$45 a month will hurt. There are thousands of people struggling to pay their bill now before the increase. Evansville already has the highest rates in the state, and I think above the national average. Center point makes billions in profit and the ceo got around a \$20 million dollar bonus recently. It's nothing but corporate greed and the monopoly they have here that makes them get away with it.

Ultimately I believe the IURC will approve this rate hike because there is no one from southern Indiana in the IURC and they ultimately only care about the Indianapolis people.

Thank you.

From: [Matt Killian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Killian - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:18:06 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Matt Killian
18912 Roscommon Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Mark Gilles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Gilles - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:18:35 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Mark Gilles
11323 Seib Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Ansty, Margaret \(Maggie\)](#)
To: [Rivera, Olivia](#)
Subject: Matt Killian
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:33:21 AM

Will you please do something about the IURC, which you approve of. They give center point energy in Evansville everything they ask for even if the OUCC recommends not to. We already have the highest rates in the state in Evansville and they want to add more. I know Evansville doesn't mean much to you because as long as Suzanne wins Indy she will win the governor spot but someone needs to look out for us. They have record profits and we have to choose between electric bill or medicine. Thank you

[Matt Killian](#)

mattkillian247@gmail.com

18912 Roscommon Road

Evansville, Indiana 47725-6417 IN08

Home: (812) 480-1003

From: [Megan Ritterskamp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Ritterskamp - Deny CenterPoints Propose increase to residential bill.
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:51:44 PM

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My name is Megan Ritterskamp and I am a residential electric and gas customer of CenterPoint in Evansville, IN.

I request that the Commission deny CenterPoint's proposal to increase the residential monthly bill by nearly \$50 over the next two years.

CenterPoint's proposed rate hike would be harmful to me and my family, as well as my community.

I respectfully request that the Commission reduce the burden on residential customers by taking the following actions.

First, I ask that the Commission significantly reduce CenterPoint's return on equity.

Second, please deny CenterPoint's proposed residential fixed charge increase. CenterPoint's proposed fixed charge of \$23.20 would be the highest of any investor-owned electric utility in Indiana, and one of the highest in the country.

Third, I ask that you deny the unfair cost allocation proposal by CenterPoint called "4 CP". CenterPoint's 4 CP cost allocation forces residential customers to subsidize the electricity bills of big industrial customers.

Fourth, please deny CenterPoint's request to remotely disconnect customers. We need CenterPoint to stop disconnecting customers who are struggling to afford paying their power bills – not make it easier for them to disconnect even more families.

Fifth, I request that you deny all unnecessary costs. For example, CenterPoint should not be allowed to force us to pay for its costs of its lobbying, litigation, regulatory advocacy, trade association dues, advertising, or the costs of its lawyers and experts in this rate case.

In conclusion, please deny CenterPoint's rate hike. Please protect consumers and

prioritize affordability when deciding this case. Thank you.

Megan Ritterskamp

From: [Rachel Wambach](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rachel Wambach - CenterPoint Energy - 459990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:44:44 PM
Attachments: [signature.png](#)

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Name: Rachel Wambach
City: Evansville
Zip: 47713
Phone: 812-431-6529
Email: rachel@sproutyourdesign.com
Utility: CenterPoint Energy
Cause Number: 459990

Please do not approve the proposed rate increase. Our citizens cannot afford these rate hikes, and it's forcing people to take drastic measures and even consider relocating. CenterPoint Energy's justification that they're investing in clean energy is a thinly veiled scapegoat for the company raking in more profits. Even if they are making these investments, the company is already plenty profitable, and the burden should not fall on our already overburdened community. This monopoly has our region in a desperate chokehold. David Lesar making a salary of \$37.8 MILLION DOLLARS is corporate greed... juxtaposed with people in our community having to work multiple jobs to afford their bills, live without heat or electricity, resort to making fires in their house to stay warm. This sounds like 3rd world country living, and he should be ashamed. You should be ashamed as well if you allow this to continue and approve this rate increase. We're paying enough, and we're fed up. If we want a strong state, we need reasons for people to want to live here. Low cost of living used to be one of those reasons. Other states are looking much more appealing at this point.



Rachel Wambach
owner/designer (she/her)
812.431.6529
sproutyourdesign.com
  [schedule a meeting](#)

From: [Michelle Patton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Patton - Rate Increases
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:39:02 PM

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It's absolutely shameful that you people at Centerpoint are wanting to raise rates again? When will your greed and gouging be stopped?

There are people that are barely making ends meet and are employed with decent jobs but struggle to pay their gas and electric.

What we need is some competition in Evansville or the surrounding area, when there is no competition then you get to run roughshod over our communities!

I thought Vectren was bad but now I wish I had them back compared to what you're doing to us!

I hope our Mayor will step in and stop you from raising our rates again.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Robinson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:25:39 PM

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Name: Lori Robinson

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Phone: (812) 589-4838

Address:

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint is charging outrageous fees and we all are having difficulty's paying the bills. Our wages in Southern IN do not compare with other places. I have to decide if I want to pay for food, housing or Centerpoint. I can no longer afford all 3. I take care of my mother so all 3 need to be paid. I use a pellet stove to heat. My last bill had a gas usage charge of \$22.57 but the distribution & service charges and taxed fees totaled \$91. This does not include the electric bill of \$272. I don't know what else to do. The rate hikes are killing us. Centerpoint is charging for current services and making the customer pay for the upgrades. The upgrades should be taken out of the profits. No other energy company charges as much. My sister lives in South Bend and my bills are double what she pays. Do not pass this bill. Please consider the customers and vote down the increases.

From: [michael lauderdale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Lauderdale - Electric Rate increase by Center Point Engery
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 6:04:51 PM

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As a retired veteran who lives on a monthly pension. It should be clear that in our younger years, that we as consumers were urged as a society to embrace all electric homes. In doing so, as again power companies were behind this policy. Recently power companies continued to sell information regarding the advantages of all electric homes, being cleaner and efficient source of energy needs. Would it not only make common sense to slowly effect the rate increase over 3/5 year period?

Mike Lauderdale
407 Kirchhoff Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712
[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Mike McFarland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: [Mike McFarland](#)
Subject: Mike McFarland - Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:14:56 PM

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With regards to the rate increase; these companies are recording record profits year after year and they don't tend to give anything back to the customers. What do you do to give back?

My mother is on social security, and most likely won't qualify for assistance, because you really pretty much can't have any money (not even social security) coming in to qualify for financial assistance.

Can we do anything to help out the consumer who has to foot the bill every time for these rate hikes?

email below is what I'm commenting on. this is for (Cause No. 45990)

it's not like we can change utility companies, this is a monopoly.

from: **Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor** <oucc@subscriptions.in.gov>
reply-to: oucc@subscriptions.in.gov
to:
date: Jan 5, 2024, 12:16 PM
subject: Consumer News... For You! January 2024
mailed-by: subscriptions.in.gov
signed-by: subscriptions.in.gov

The OUCC's analysts and attorneys have begun reviewing [CenterPoint Energy's electric rate request](#). The utility's proposed \$118.8 million increase would raise annual revenues over three phases to be fully implemented in 2026.

The utility's proposal would increase a monthly residential bill for 799 kilowatt hours (kWh) from \$154.02 to \$201.26. An electric bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh would rise from \$207.20 to \$253.40, according to CenterPoint Energy's testimony and exhibits.

[Written public comments](#) for the case record are invited through March 5. Consumers may submit comments via the OUCC's [online submission form](#), by email at uccinfo@oucc.in.gov, or by mail at:

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The IURC will schedule a public field hearing in Evansville at a date to be determined. This will be an opportunity for the public to speak for the case record. Comments offered at the field hearing will carry the same weight as written consumer comments the OUCC receives by March 5. Specific details on the hearing will be posted on the OUCC's [website](#) and social media pages as soon as they are available.

Testimony from the OUCC will be due March 12. A Commission order is expected later this year. Natural gas rates are not at issue in this case.

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Thank you kindly,

Mike McFarland

From: [Michael Primus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Primus - IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:45:37 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Mike Primus and I am a consumer in Evansville, 47720.

I am writing to oppose the proposed rate increases by centerpoint. Our market is already one of the highest in the country, but unlike some of the larger metro areas, our median income is much lower and we pay a much higher percentage on utilities each month. My father volunteers with a local charity through our church helping people with their excessively high utility bills. These are people who barely get by as it is, and they end up getting hit with \$700+ monthly bills from centerpoint. Part of his casework talking to these families is to see why these bills are so high. These people have their thermostats set incredibly low in the winter, forcing their kids to wear coats inside to try and stay warm. They run fans in the summer instead of ac to also help minimize energy use. In spite of their best efforts, they are still caught facing regular shutoff warnings because they had to choose between buying food for their kids or paying their utility bills.

The Evansville community already cannot keep up with the current rates centerpoint is charging. Bumping our monthly bills up by yet another \$40/month will do nothing but further put people in financial ruin.

Please reject this proposed rate increase. I welcome centerpoint's efforts to move towards renewable energy, but they can afford those upgrades without bleeding dry an already hemorrhaging market.

Kind Regards,

Mike Primus

From: mwestenbarger@msn.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: MWestenBarger - IURC Cause No. 45990 CenterPoint Energy
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:23:29 AM

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I am a residential customer of centerpoint and am requesting you please deny any rate increase. Centerpoint customers pay some of the highest utility bills in the midwest and these bills have created a huge burden to us.

Centerpoint should not be allowed to raise our utility bills every few months and without ever being refused or even asked to adjust a increase.

I feel since no person from Southern Indiana sits on the commission we are not given a fair consideration when these reviews are conducted. I feel if Indianapolis was forced to pay the same utility rates as we do in Evansville, there would be a different outcome in these evaluations. I ask that we are given a fair consideration as to why Centerpoint is allowed to continue to increase our already abnormally high utility bills.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: michael kincheloe
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:47:49 AM

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Phone: (812) 202-2650

Address: 2851 wayside dr.

evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: Center Point Evansville, IURC CAUSE NO. 45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I contacted you last week, about Center Points proposed rate hike. After attending meetings in Evansville, on Feb. 29th, I have more comments. Since Evansville residents have been paying the highest electric rates in Indiana, FOR 16 YEARS, we should get a huge refund. Why are we paying more than other Indiana residents? We pay much more than our neighbors in Kentucky, just 6 miles . Instead of the commission giving Center Point a raise, lower our rates, for what we have been overcharged for the past 16 years. How does the commission even justify that, why were those high rates approved? I If you said tomorrow, that Indianapolis residents, had to cough up the money on their bills, to match what we have been overpaying for 16 years. The Indianapolis residents would burn the city down. Why are we treated like second class citizens, I urge you to take care of and protect Indiana citizens. OH, You do protect Indiana citizens, just not Evansville residents!!! Do your job correctly, protect all Indiana citizens, not Texans. Thank You !!

Michael R Kincheloe

2851 Wayside Dr.

Evansville, Indiana 47631

From: [pamela dorsey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: [pamela dorsey](#); [Derrick](#)
Subject: Pamela Dorsey - Centerpoint Energy
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 3:32:18 PM

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I am from Evansville, In and there is only one Utility company here. The citizens do not have the choice to change Utility companies when one service raises their prices so much it is hard for ordinary customers to pay each month. People on fixed incomes have a harder time then the ones that get paid twice a month or more. When Centerpoint first came to our town, not long after arriving the rates were raised then, now this is the 3rd raise. When they offer assistance or a payment plan that is a joke. What does \$10.00 off your bill do? It can't buy any groceries or pay any other bill. The payment plan is usually only 3 months. The bill is divided into 3 monthly payments plus the current bill due also. So if a persons bill is \$600.00 \div 3 = \$200.00 plus the new \$600.00 bill a person would owe them 800.00 every month for 3 months. So I assume you have to pick between lights and gas for 3 months or food, plus the other bills that need to be paid.

I know the Utility company has to provide for everyone and in every town they are in, but why doesn't the consumer have better options in pricing? Not everyone wants to skip paying their Utility bill, we just want to be able to keep affording to pay it. Every time they ask for an increase, the average persons wages do not go up. So average Joe or Betsy has to figure out what not to pay so the Utility does not get shut off. Houses now are built without fire places so using the fireplace to compensate the heat is not an option. So a person gets electric heaters thinking if keep furnace from jumping on use heater in some rooms, so the electric goes up. If you do not have a six figure paying job, then you are struggling daily. I sit in my house with all the lights out except the room I am in, and when I go to work everything is out Furnace stays on 72 degrees cause I am old,(bones hurt with no heat) wear a sweater all times and my Utility went up. Explain this, it is because of the rate increases.

So long storey short I vote no to raise at this time.

Thank you for your time if you read this. Have a Blessed Day.

From: schmeing@twc.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Schmeing - Center Point Energy
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:32:48 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to express my extreme disagreement with the proposed rate hike Center Point is once again requesting. My most recent bill increased \$250 in ONE month! We have replaced all our windows, installed a new roof, A/C and furnace and installed insulation in the attic in the last 10 years all with the understanding that our energy bills would go down. We have NEVER saved anything! Our bills have just continued to increase. And now they want more. I shouldn't have to work TWO weeks just to pay an energy bill. I strenuously object to this rate increase that as far as I can tell, does NOTHING to improve our service. I am uninterested in paying more money for the CEO to be paid millions while the rest of us struggle and Center Point profit margin continues to increase. My husband has RA and had no choice but to retire, my 90 year old mother lives with us and is on oxygen 24/7 - 365. I am still working but how am I supposed to keep the power on for her and still maintain the rest of our costs and bills with this kind of increase? Evansville already pays more for energy than any surrounding city or county. WHY? Please do not allow Center Point to gouge us any more than they already are. We are left with NO choices!!! Aren't monopolies supposed to be illegal? They raise our rates because Indiana allows them to and they know there is no recourse for us?

Pamela Schmeing
Evansville, IN
schmeing@twc.com

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paul Rainey
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:07:48 PM

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Newburgh

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Utilities: Center point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I can't believe that my monthly electric bill is more than my car payment.. living on social security is horrible that you all allowing center point to do this to us..

From: [Heather Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:03:12 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Heather Ricketts
209 Dreier Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Susan E. Fowler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Fowler - Centerpoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:45:43 PM

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Dear Olivia

Thank you for your call back this afternoon and your help in getting my comments to you today.
Keep up all your good work !! Again thank you !

Comments regarding Centerpoint Energy Electric Rate Case

This is my 34th Year of being a freelancing Storyteller in the Southern Indiana Tristate area . I am self employed making a modest income with which I am responsible for my rent , electric bills , communication bills, insurance (health, home and auto) as well as food and clothing expenses . Like all of us , costs keep rising and trying to keep everything paid is a daunting task .

Hearing the news of the rates increase / the monthly customer service increases , seems like greedy actions and the actions of a monopoly !! It feels so OUTRAGEOUS that we have only one provider choice for our electrical needs !!

I was in attendance , late afternoon , at the February 29th hearing for public comments with a standing room of concerned citizens ! An OUTSTANDING show of support / concern / voices from the community CRYING OUT TO HOLD BACK THESE INCREASES !! I did not request to speak that night but instead stood in support and listened to fellow citizens stand to speak their concerns and concerns and concerns and concerns to an unbridled initiative from an out of state power company wielding their strength to eek out monies from a trapped clientele !! And it would appear that Centerpoint seems to have no apparent sympathies or concern for options , like for late fee forgivenesses, for low income Rate initiatives as well as creative solution building where we could all be winners with satisfied customers , a reasonable & profitable business (not billions in profit margins) and happy shareholders !!! These kind of 'community- first' initiatives do and can exist !!

I am writing to request the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission deny the request to raise the \$10.84 service charge to \$23.20 as well as to deny their request to raise rates in the southern Indiana counties that rely solely upon Centerpoint Electric for their electrical needs.

Please, please , please , please listen to the cries and requests of the people , the businesses, and the governmental agencies that stood up to say NO to these Requests from Centerpoint Energy Electric . Please say No !! Please !

Sincerely submitted ,
Susan E. Fowler
Evansville Indiana 47714

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sandra Golden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Golden - Centerpoint energy Electric rate case- Cause Number 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:53:53 PM

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Hello. My name is Sandra Golden and I live in Evansville, IN 47711. My email address is sandragolden812@gmail.com. I was sending this in because I don't think it's fair, but they're raising it again again even before Centerpoint got here all the time they asked for a raise even veteran they've always gotten it to go through. Times are tough tougher than they've ever been. And a hike is not gonna help. I'm on Social Security Disability. I am unable to work I'm on a fixed income. And if they get this hike, it's gonna be Electric or Food. I can't cut anything else out of the budget. I lost my Medicaid, So now I have to pay for medicines. I have co-pays now I don't know what I'm gonna do. So please do not let this happen. I know a lot of people and they're all shook up about this. Most of them are seniors, but they do live in their own home so it's really gonna hurt. Please do not Let Centerpoint energy raise any more. From what I gather they're making millions and millions of dollars why one person needs that much money to live off of I don't know I can't even fathom that but, Please do not let it go through. I pay more in gas distribution than I do for how much gas I use use like 2or3 Dollars in gas and I have to pay over 20 for distribution fees so they already make it a lot off of that. Please vote No raise hikes.

From: [Rae](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rae Carter - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:22:10 PM

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Please do not allow this increase. We, actually, need the exact opposite because we are truly struggling with prices in general but these utility bills have us SCARED every month to see them. People are literally moving out of town...my neighbors moved to Henderson, KY because of this! That's not the worst, though, most of the people suffering the most (choosing between food, medicine, actual lifestyle changes!) don't even have the option to move away due to money. Is this really what we want this city/state to be...an absolutely unaffordable place to live for many and a struggle for others? Are we really going to allow this monopolizing company come in and do to us?!?! If none of you are affected I implore you to TALK to some who are, please look into this thoroughly. We citizens feel held captive by this company and need those we elected to, actually, represent us, and those who weren't elected maybe but are supposed to protect us from exactly what is happening here to STEP IN AND STOP THIS. Thank you.

Rae Carter, a Centerpoint customer who is moving and am terrified to find out what my Centerpoint bill will be. I have never had to consider this when moving, and it was one of the biggest issue I had with moving...that is a sad state of affairs.
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Matt Killian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Killian -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:25:45 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Matt Killian
18912 Roscommon Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rita Vandiver
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 2:45:12 PM

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Phone: (812) 459-3131

Address:

Evansville

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Utilities: Center Point rate increase

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I understand there is a public hearing tomorrow for the Center Point rate increase in Vanderburgh County. I feel the increase is uncalled for. Vanderburgh County has the highest energy rate in all of Indiana. I understand there has been colder weather but for the last two months, my bills have seen an increase of \$115.00 over my normal compared to my bills for 2023 at the same time. I have never paid a \$488 bill for energy even with our older furnace. We installed a higher-efficiency furnace last month. Customers are struggling to pay for utilities and still have money for essentials like food, a place to live, and water. Center Point needs to stop being greedy when other energy companies in Indiana provide the same product at a lesser cost. It would be nice if we had a choice of what company we want to do business with. I am against the rate increase as well as my neighbors and other senior citizens I have spoken with. No one seems to understand why we are saddled with their fees and frequently asking for increases. Thank you for your time.

From: [Shawn Gourley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Gourley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:14:25 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities.

Since February 2022 we have paid to Centerpoint \$5848.96 for electricity, \$954.19 for gas, and \$1,871.12 for Dist. and Service Charges. Total paid to CenterPoint since March 2022: \$9100.38.

Our average KWH usage monthly is around 1,000 kwh a month. However, 3 mo. a year normally June, July, and Aug our usage jumps up to 2500. The rest of the year we use between 450 KWH and 850 KWH during the remaining 9 months of the year.

The new increase being proposed, 799 KWH is going to be around \$200.00 now. That means that our bill will be around \$650.00 for each of those months. I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions like us.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Shawn Gourley
5900 Twickingham Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Cathi Pardon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cathi Pardon - Centerpoint
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 6:55:33 PM

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I am a customer of CP (only because I have no choice due to them being a monopoly). They ask for, and are granted, a raise in rates it seems every 6 months. My husband and I are in a fixed income. Groceries are going higher and higher. Our medication is also ridiculously high a month. Now CP wants yet another chunk of what little money we have. It's going to come down to deciding between staying warm, eating or buying life saving medications, not just for us but for many customers. Please do not grant this raise! Let their shareholders live on what they already make instead of making them wealthier on the poors dime.

Sent from my iPhone
Cathi Pardon
10616 New Harmony Rd
Evansville IN 47720

From: [sandy hipsher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Hipsher - Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:24:05 PM

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I know there is an upcoming meeting regarding Centerpoint's rate hike request. We have a large house, but we keep the thermostat at 58 degrees upstairs all winter and 78 in the summer. Our bedroom has been set on 63 and 65 in the main living area. Our Dec bill was \$687. Jan was over \$500. We've had a mild winter fortunately, I can't imagine what our utility bill would be if we actually kept our thermostat at a comfortable temperature but instead we wear several layers in order not to have to turn up the thermostat. When I moved here 6 years ago from IL I thought utilities were very expensive there but it really doesn't come close to what we pay here. My daughter has a 1000sq foot house. Her last utility bill was \$386. She has no idea how they will pay this. They are cutting back on groceries now because that's the only thing left they haven't cut back yet. The cost of living continues to rise. Our paychecks can't keep up with it. It's totally ridiculous to have to worry about heating your home because you can't afford the bill, or feeding your family because you have to use that money to keep the lights on. People are feeling desperate. Something has to change. Compare our rates to surrounding counties, nearby states and you'll see why people are upset.

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From: [Zoe Schnel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zoe Miles - Center Point Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 11:46:25 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the proposed Center Point rate increase. Centerpoint is robbing the citizen's of the tristate area. We are already forced to pay their ridiculous distribution charges that are sometimes triple the usage amount. We are given no option as Centerpoint has a monopoly in this area.

We could turn to politician's for help, however, Centerpoint has lined their pockets. Money and greed seem to be the only thoughts here. No compassion or thoughts about how this will affect their customers-- they don't care! As long as they keep making money, we can be living in squalor, barely able to make it. All this while the CEO of centerpoint makes his millions and millions of dollars.

It is outrageous that we already have one of the highest utility rates in the country yet Centerpoint wants to increase this again. Speaking personally, I don't know if I will be able to afford an increase. I have two small children and the thought that my bill may be so high I can't pay it and we lose our heat and electricity is terrifying. Does Centerpoint care? Do the leaders of Evansville care? No, they don't.

I implore you to see reason and deny this rate increase. Think of the citizens who this will affect rather than the CEO's and politicians it will benefit.

Sincerely,

A terrified and concerned middle class citizen who can no longer afford to put money into the economy because it all goes into the pockets of Centerpoint. (Zoe Miles)

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Pointer
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:52:55 PM

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Name: Robert Pointer

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Phone: (812) 425-2118

Address: 1614 Keller St.

Evansville

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47710

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center Point Energy wants another raise. My last bill was for more than my entire Social Security Check. People have been evicted over past due bills. My home has three adults on cpap machines and one on oxygen, all electric powered. Center Point would think nothing of shutting them off. Their CEO is already making over \$30 million annually. People are having to make decisions on cutting back on food, meds and other items to pay CP bills. Helping agencies find they are spending a lot of money helping people meet their energy bills making them support Center Point's high ratet. The Regulatory Commission simply tole me that CP is doing nothing illegal so they don't want to get involved. Illegal? No, Immoral certainly. Do you really think with their huge profits and high salaries with benefits Center Point needs another raise? This winter my thermostat was on 64. My AC will probably be on 78 again.

From: [William Hendrickson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Hendrickson - RE: Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:38:40 PM

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Dear Committee:

Please accept this as my testimony toward Cause No 45990 regarding CenterPoint Energy's request for a rate hike. I, along with my wife and four children, have lived at my home at 5959 Weiss Rd, Evansville, IN 47720 since August of 2022. My home is fully electric, with no natural gas appliances. Approving an electric rate increase would significantly impact my family as we both heat and cool our home with electric units.

While we are cost conscious when it comes to our energy consumption, we have continued to see our utility bills rise. I did a personal audit of my residential service bill (RS) from January 2023 - January 2024 regarding the rate per kWh and found that the rates ranged from \$0.1032/kWh (January 2023) to \$0.1304/kWh (April 2023). This rate does differ from the rate of "\$0.09026 per kWh for all kWh used per month" published by CenterPoint Energy in their "Tariff for Electric Service - I.U.R.C. No. E-13" in April, 2022.

As I mentioned, my family and I are cost conscious when it comes to our utility use and work to be as efficient as possible. Even a small increase in my family's energy costs would have an impact on our already tightening budget. Added to the increased costs of food, clothing, and other necessities, this would put a remarkable strain on our lives.

I ask that you please deny CenterPoint's request for a rate increase at this time.

Best Regards-

William Hendrickson

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shaniqua R Cheaney
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:08:36 AM

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EVANSVILLE
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47714

Utilities: Payment increases

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I believe that there should be no increase because the wages are too low for people to even afford anything no a days. Food prices are up. I can't get food stamps because my children's father had to get on my lease for me to even afford the place i have now. The cost of living has gone up drastically I live in a decent cramped 2 bedroom apartment with 4 people my 10 year old wants her own room away from her 4 year old brother but I can't afford the price of a 3 bedroom I was barely able to afford this 2 bedroom thank god my section 8 is pending but im still only able to get a 2 bedroom after waiting almost 5 years. Indiana is to expensive already. I'm so tired of stressing and being worried. I just want to see a break somewhere. And I honestly think because food rent and utilities and everything going up there's going to be more crime rate to get money since whoever is in charge of wages haven't raised it to Indiana needs if y'all are trying to make this a city. We have to have city wages in order for things to work out for everyone. What I haven't seen from any politician work with us and be really for Indiana people. Also I see these homeless people and be wanting to help them but like I tell them," I wish I could lend a helping hand but I might end up like you tomorrow". I don't vote because I don't think my needs will be met in order for that person to get my (score). I feel like they can promise this and that but I believe it's really about getting a one more point on the score board. Deep in my heart I believe we can all come together one day and make it right make America great again because I believe in God and i have hope and faith but right now. COVID-19 and other colds and illnesses messed this world up and it seems we're fighting against it instead of run with it we know people don't want to go to work risking their lives for 12.00 or 13.00 dollar a day so businesses will shut down eventually. American will be the new struggle country. Over populated over priced and over taxes.

From: [Shaun Foster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Foster - Cause number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:35:12 PM

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From: **Spring McCullagh** <springmccullagh@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 5, 2024, 11:32 AM
Subject: Re: Cause number 45990
To: shaunfoster19@gmail.com <shaunfoster19@gmail.com>

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On Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 12:28 PM, Spring McCullagh <springmccullagh@yahoo.com> wrote:

uccinfo@oucc.in.gov

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

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From: [tim.wilhite](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Wilhite - Centerpoint Rate increase
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 4:32:19 PM

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I've been a long time resident of Evansville in, and have never seen my utilitie bills so high, I noticed it going up the winter of 2022. My bills were running approximately \$157 in the winter and have increased to \$280 in the month of January 24. I conserve energy as much as I can, 68 during day and 65 at night in winter, 76 degrees in summer months have went over \$230 a month. I've had a new gas water heater installed and a new high efficiency gas heating and 17 seer 2 stage cooling system which cost \$9900, in January 24 and my bill was over a \$100 more, all on a fixed income. Not sure why it has already went up that much if they haven't had a rate increase. The gas cost is low but the fees there adding on is crazy. \$23 for gas and \$130 of fees. There needs to be a cap on the fees there charging. If the government wants cleaner energy then they can pay for it.

Thanks for your time. Timothy Wilhite

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From: [Shawn Gourley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Gourley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:21:31 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. We can't afford any more increases!

It is very concerning that in Bradford's submitted testimony on page 9 he states that "The Five Pillars frequently work against each other, and so that is why all five must be considered together with not one pillar seen as superior and exclusive to the others."

Clearly, Mr. Bradford is not familiar with IC-8-1-2-05 which states, "The general assembly declares that it is the continuing policy of the state, in cooperation with local governments and other concerned public and private organizations, to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to create and maintain conditions under which utilities plan for and invest in infrastructure necessary for operation and maintenance while protecting the affordability of utility services for present and future generations of Indiana citizens."

In 2023, The 21ST CENTURY ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE specifically states in their report that " The affordability of electricity has become a more important concern because electricity prices in Indiana are no longer, as they once were, among the lowest of the fifty (50) states."

The Task Force also found that, "The five pillars of reliability, resilience, stability, affordability, and environmental sustainability are the foundation of Indiana's energy policy. Any consideration of the state's energy policy, or any statutory changes affecting the state's energy policy, should take into account the impact on the five pillars, both individually and as a whole."

The 2023 Report has a key finding of the Task Force which states, "The Task Force has determined that the transition to an increased reliance on renewable energy resources must be managed in a way that doesn't compromise the reliability, resiliency, and stability of electric utility service, and that maintains affordability for all customer classes." Utility companies MUST take into consideration if the rate increase maintains affordability for all customer classes.

And finally the Task Force requires under the definition of Affordability that "(4) Affordability: Reliable, resilient, and stable electricity is an essential service for Indiana residents, businesses, and manufacturers. Decisions regarding Indiana's generation resource mix and ratemaking constructs must result in retail electric service that is affordable across the residential, commercial, and industrial customer classes."

As such, if the rate increase results in electric service that is not affordable across all the customer classes, the Decision must be to Deny the rate increase request.

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

This rate increase will put a severe energy burden on us, the rate increase will result in us having 17.3% of our income to pay Centerpoint bills alone.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Shawn Gourley
5900 Twickingham Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Ted Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ted Miller - Ref. No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:32:05 PM

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In March 1989, I moved out on my own. I was 28. I thought it would be a struggle getting by; it wasn't.

I had a one-bedroom apartment, around 7 or 8 hundred square feet. I had a gas furnace and a gas water heater.

My gas and electric bill averaged \$40 a month, \$480 a year. My first bill was \$18. My rent was \$215. Gas was around \$1.75. I was taking home around \$350 a week.

That was 45 years ago. Today, I make the same amount around \$1400 a month but everything I pay for has skyrocketed. Rent is \$525. Gas is \$3 a gallon. I have medical expenses that I didn't have.

I don't have gas; I am all electric. My bill averages \$80 a month. The bill I received at the end of January was \$195. If you add \$57 to it that would be \$252. That's too much.

But what I am getting is that I am not really able to live. These corporations like CenterPoint are strangling us. They need to be stopped here and now because this is not the end of this. If the IURC doesn't deny them this increase. CenterPoint will file for another increase. It won't stop till we are all on the street.

CenterPoint is overcome with greed and what they don't understand is they are killing the people that give them money. There will come a time when everybody is homeless, and CenterPoint's profit will be greatly diminished because nobody has a home or is paying for electricity.

Ted Miller
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Evansville IN 47712-4370

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teran Ann Jackson
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:12:00 PM

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Santa Claus
IN
47579
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Vote no on rate increase and service fee. There is no reason for an increase at this time. Too many cannot afford the current rate and fee.
Thank you

From: [Ansty, Margaret \(Maggie\)](#)
To: [Rivera, Olivia](#)
Subject: Sherwood Smith II - Southwestern Indiana Utility prices - Sherwood Smith
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:27:19 AM

I, along with many others in Southwestern Indiana, particularly Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, are wondering if we as consumers may be able to receive any help or consideration concerning the extremely high prices of Center Point energy. We already pay the highest electric and gas rates in the state. It's getting pretty ridiculous.

Thank you,

Sherwood J. Smith II

[Mr. Sherwood J. Smith, II](#)

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shreya Patel
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:37:02 PM

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47715
Utilities: Centerpoint Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: IURC Cause No. 45990 for Centerpoint rste hike.

The proposed rate hike is unaffordable for most of the people of Evansville. Overall, it is unwarranted as there is no new infrastructure from CP. Not energy saving strategies are adopted by landlords and tenants suffer despite paying inflated rent and utility rates. Compared to neighbouring places under Kentucky utilities which fall under the same weather conditions, Centerpoint charges a lot more for old and poor electric grid infrastructure. The electric generation cost should be evaluated to see if it is the cost of generating electricity or increasing their employee salary or pay. The cost of generation, if increased, is something the government should look into as inflation in gas or coal prices is due to external factors and not a direct cause by the people of Evansville, Indiana. People of Evansville should not be paying the difference in the rate directly or indirectly, especially when their income is low and cost of living is high and consistency increasing (50% in the last 1 year). For a place like Evansville where income increases only by at the most 5%, rent increasing against no upgrades and maintenance and water (unsafe) already expensive, and increase in electric rate is again a burden on people who do nothing to cause an increase. I work 12 hours a day outside of my apartment with the online electric appliance running in the house is the refrigerator, my bill was already is \$100 for one person!! I had spent full 15 days outside. In contrast to increasing their rates, their meters should be check for accuracy. The rate hike is unwarranted in the region if Evansville. If there a rate hike is approved, at no consequence to the resident,a relief program should be implemented for the residents of Evansville.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacob Stocke
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:38:14 PM

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Phone: (618) 383-2724

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: Electric & Gas

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I'm messaging to stress our opposition the the proposed rate increase for Centerpoint. Families in this region are struggling and Centerpoint rates are a major factor that is causing the struggle. Please consider those on fixed incomes as you decide on whether this increase truly benefits a company recording record profits.

From: [carolyn conners](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: VC Conners - Center Point Energy comment
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:01:17 PM

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My husband and I are homeowners in Warrick County Indiana and get our utilities from Center Point Energy. We strongly oppose a raise in their product due to their already high charges that we incur. We live in an older home (90 years old) with ceiling and walls insulated, replacement windows installed in every window, and new ductless heat and air system installed. Only 2 residents in the home and a 1200 sq ft home. Our last energy bill was \$400 which is already too high for the size of our home and 2 occupants. In fact one of the weeks, during this billing cycle, we weren't even home and had most of the lights and devices unplugged. I cannot imagine how high the bill would of been if we were home.

Bottom Line: We strongly oppose a rate hike by Center Point Energy.

VC Conners

From: [tessa.memmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tessa Memmer - CenerPoint RATE INCREASE
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:38:13 AM

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Happy New Year - CenterPoint is requesting a rate increase to celebrate 2024!

My name is Tessa Memmer and I am a customer of CenterPoint Energy. I write in protest of CenterPoint's request in December 2023 to adjust base rates and charges for customers.

Once again, residents in Evansville, Indiana pay the highest electric bills in the state. According to Macrotrends, "CenterPoint Energy revenue for the twelve months ending September 30, 2023 was \$9.225B, a 3.37% increase, year-over-year." Looks to me that CenterPoint has plenty of money to invest in safe and reliable service. Perhaps CenterPoint could take its advertising budget and use that money to cover their projects. Seriously - advertising in a market that has no choice for its energy services, how rich of them.

CenterPoint is a company beholden only to its shareholders. Perhaps I should invest in CenterPoint stock - oh wait, that money is going to my rate increase.

According to the IURC website, the Commission is "required by state statute to make decisions in the public interest to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates." Do your job and say NO to the rate increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Reel
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:45:14 PM

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Name: Jane Reel

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Phone:

Address:

Evansville

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47712

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a customer of CenterPoint Energy and am commenting on Cause # 45990. The proposed electric rate hike appears exorbitant and not fair or just. I am a retired economic and community development professional with experience in affordable housing grants and projects as well as emergency solutions grants. The Evansville area currently lacks sufficient affordable housing, and I have seen the impact that high energy bills can have on the ability of low and moderate income families to stay housed. The utility has raised rates via tracker adjustments to recover costs for various needs. The current proposal is simply too much of an increase for many households to afford and will exacerbate the existing housing crisis. In addition, an increase to the already high energy costs for businesses compared to similar locations hinders economic development efforts to attract businesses and jobs to the area. Please do not approve the pending electric rate request in IURC Cause No. 45990.

From: [Steve Schleiter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven I Schleiter - Centerpoint 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:58:30 AM

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Dear OUCC Board:

I am a farmer. I have no way of recovering from this extra rate increase. I am told what I get paid for my crops what I have to pay for fuel , fertilize, seed, an property taxes I cannot pass on this extra cost of electricity to anyone. All these increases are going to put me out of business!

The Department of Energy defines high energy burden as over 6% of annual income. The current Centerpoint rates in the Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County, Indiana, bring the total to just under the 6% of median income.

The proposed Centerpoint rate hike for Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County; however, will put us well over that amount.

Please deny the Centerpoint rate hike request on the basis of it exceeds the 6% annual income threshold and will significantly burden residents, industry, agriculture, and the local economy.

Sincerely,

Steven I Schleiter
Gibson County, Indiana Resident

From: [Bob Wargel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Wargel - Center Point Southern Indiana 16% rate increase
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:23:24 PM

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Hello UCCINFO,

Center Point is changing us the highest rates in the state of Indiana. The latest request of 16% is very high and inflationary. This is a monopoly so the only protection we have is through this regulatory body. Please don't be a rubber stamp for this increase.

Within the last year Center Point was granted an increase for infrastructure improvements. This company is holding us hostage as we have no other alternative for power. Please prove the system works and stop this increase.

Reply is requested.

Thank you for your consideration and kind regards,

Robert Wargel

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Newburgh, IN. 47630

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Reynolds
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:08:25 PM

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Mount Vernon

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47620

Utilities: center Point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Ever since the utility fiasco in Texas when Senator Ted Cruise left for warm Cancun after abandoning his constituents, Center Point has been recouping its losses on the backs of Indiana utility customers. I have never seen our rates INCREASE SO MUCH SO FAST !! My social security has risen only a bit in the 10 years that I have been retired but my Center Point bill continues climbing faster and faster. We sit around with sweatshirts and blankets in winter, sweating in shorts and t-shirts in summer in order to keep our center point bills affordable which is no longer possible. My most recent gas bill was: used \$30.00 worth of gas with \$107 additional to get it here. Electric is nearly at the same point. There is never a break on center point electric when we lose power. When will the OUCC actually stand up for the ratepayers rather than the investors? Could the CEO live on a few million less a year? You guys need to start acting humanely toward ratepayers for a change. These continual increases are unsustainable for many of your customers. We have no other options as center point is the only electric company available in this part of the state. Relatives who live in Indy don't pay near what we do and yet their electric company maintains lines etc just fine. Give us true representation for a change!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tami Cassidy-Fehn
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:36:24 AM

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Evansville
IN
47713
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This is in regard to the pending electric rate hike by CenterPoint Energy in Southern Indiana (Evansville). I know you have had hundreds of complaints including the public hearing that was held Feb. 29th and I hope you take all of those complaints and comments into consideration. On top of paying some of the highest rates in the state and nation, the part that is hurting the most, is the delivery charge and how it is based on amount used. I believe this should be a set, reasonable rate. Because CenterPoint is basically a monopoly here and we have no choice in who to get electric and gas from, they know this and continue to find ways to raise our rates. They don't make money from our rates, but the constant projects that they find ways to charge us for. Compare it to a gas station and gas for your car. We all feel it when gas prices go up. What if you you didn't have a choice for an electric car and only had a gas powered car. And the gas station charged you a delivery fee based on how far the gas truck had to deliver it to the station. And the gas station was raising gas prices because they needed to update the gas station building. Not quite the same scenario but just making a point. The residents of Southern Indiana are feeling these rate hikes. How much profit is enough? It is all to keep the investors and CEO's paid. Either allow another energy company to compete in the area, make the delivery charge a reasonable set rate, or vote no on this increase. At least a no vote will delay the request for them to find another way to ask for an increase. Please vote no. Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tammy Helfert
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 7:17:01 PM

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47715

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The fact has been stated that Center Point is the highest energy company in Indiana. Center Point should not be allowed any increase until they are inline with other utilities. The elderly in this area can barely afford to live as it is and should not have to decide between paying utilities and their basic needs like food and medications.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nick Paulin
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:56:48 PM

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Santa Claus
IN
47579
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case: 45990

It's come to my attention that Centerpoint Energy is once again asking the commission to raise the rates on southern Indiana consumers. We currently have historically high rates, not just in our area, but of anyone else in the state. Centerpoint Energy has been doing a marketing blitz this week highlighting the "efficiency" improvements they've made. I may be old school, but efficiency is doing more with less. What they are asking for is to do less with more. Not only should you reject their request, and example should be made and reduce the rates to their next competitor's rate. This is ridiculous that every time they ask for a rate hike, they get it. Southern Indiana Power only charges 10 cents/kW hour and those customers are only a couple miles away from where I live. It's time to correct this madness. If they can't run a business without constantly asking the government to raise rates on consumers, they shouldn't be running a business. Vote NO to case case 45990.

From: [Teresa Roy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Roy - IURC Cause No. 45990 CenterPoint Energy.
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 5:47:59 PM

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To the Indiana Office of Utility:

Okay. Wow.

I am a one-person household, recently retired have lived in my current home (area code 47714) for 18 years. I am on a fixed income; Social Security and small pension. I am financially conservative. As a single mother raising three children, I had to be. I worked until I was 71. My home is single story with a basement. In the winter my furnace is set on 68 degrees, 66 at night. Summer temps inside; air is 79 degrees. It is helpful during fall and spring when I don't have to run either. When I moved into this house 18 years ago, I installed what was then a "high efficiency" furnace. My last CenterPoint Bill was \$219; and, according to what CenterPoint is requesting, that would be \$270. Fifty dollars is a big chunk.

No wonder their CEO makes an obscene 38 MILLION dollars a year.

Do not be complicit in this gross request. I don't know how working families manage this. Grotesque.

Teresa Roy
715 South Villa Drive
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Theresa Haas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Theresa Haas - Cause #4590
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:06:17 AM

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My husband and I have been living in our home for our four years. The first year in the winter months our bill ranged between \$400-700. This is after remodeling our main floor and putting in new insulation on that floor. The next year and the year after our bill ranged from \$500-600. February 2023 we started remodeling our upper floor and fully gutted and put new isolation in walls and attic. Our bill this winter was \$600-800. This is ridiculous! It doesn't matter what we do. CenterPoint continues to jack prices. We even keep our house between 62-65 degrees to try to save on electricity but this doesn't help. We also service all of our equipment. We have two fireplaces which we use to help when it gets really cold and this doesn't help. No one should have to pay this amount of money EVER!!!! This is highway robbery. This needs to change this MUST change. Please listen to all the voices because we are speaking for everyone who is impacted by CenterPoints greed. Thank you!
Boonville, IN citizen

From: [Theresa Phelps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Theresa Phelps - Rate request increase for CenterPointe Energy
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:06:49 PM

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Please **DO NOT APPROVE** the requested rate increase to CenterPointe Energy.. The request is unrealistic for Southern Indiana and its surrounding service area. They have done nothing but jack up prices on the customer since they took over Vectren Energy Delivery. We should NOT have to pay for their mistakes in Texas. This large amount of increase cannot be absorbed by the customers. We DO NOT make the money they do in Texas and the other service areas. We use to have the lowest rates in Indiana; now we have the HIGHEST RATES ...so sad. This should tell you something! I do not know how you can warrant this amount in good conscience. Think about the overall impact this will have on our community.

Thank you in advance for really reviewing this request and NOT APPROVING this rate increase. You know that it will only keep raising rates if you do. Too bad we don't have another company to turn to.

Theresa Phelps
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Evansville, IN 47720
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas E Sawyer
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 8:27:39 PM

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Newburgh

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47960

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Before the proposed rate increase, people in the Evansville area already have some of the highest electricity rates in the nation; high enough that any company that is a large user of electricity will not consider this area for expansion. The best outcome would be to deregulate electricity in the whole state.. People in the near north of Evansville are served by Duke power and their rate is roughly 60% that of Centerpoint. Plus, Centerpoint is getting a terrible reputation of their handling of customer complaints---they literally accept no responsibility unless sued according to the local arborists. Thier own employees state that claims that Vectran (the company they took over) would not have argued about, Centerpoint refuses any responsibility.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas R Burnikel
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:38:30 AM

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47714
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: CenterPoint Energy Electric Rate Case - Cause Number 45990

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed rate hike by CenterPoint Energy. As a paying customer, I feel that currently the typical household is already struggling to keep up with rising costs associated with food, housing, insurances and utilities to name just a few. I've read where CenterPoint profits are already higher compared to other companies located throughout Indiana. Enough is enough.
Thank you for your jsupport !

Sincerely,
Thomas R. Burnikel

From: [Stephen Brenner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen Brenner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:29:29 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990. We don't go to the bank to tell them we are taking money off our mortgage when we do home improvements, why should we pay when you need to upgrade your system? Those upgrades should be paid through your profits!!

Thank you,
Stephen Brenner
2918 Lake View Blvd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Donna Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tim and Donna Martin - IURC Cause #45990 Center Point Energy
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:02:45 AM

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Concerning the proposed rate increase for CPE consumers: My husband and I are retired. We have worked hard our entire lives and raised three children, who are now working hard and supporting their young families. This rate increase ON TOP OF the absurd “distribution charge” on our monthly bill, will have negative financial impact on our budget. We do our best to conserve energy; setting our furnace and A/C at near-uncomfortable temps, using a clothes line for drying clothing, and turning off lights when not in use, among other conservation habits. We expect that you first scrutinize any way possible to reduce YOUR expenses — maybe reduce the incredibly generous salaries of your top brass? Reduce/consolidate office real estate? Young families and people on fixed incomes cannot keep up with these ridiculous rates.

Thank you for your time
Tim and Donna Martin
Rockport, IN. 47635

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Abby Elpers
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:14:39 PM

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47725

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed rate increase by CenterPoint Energy in southern Indiana. The already high utility rates in our region, surpassing those of major metropolitan areas like Nashville, Los Angeles, and New York, pose a significant burden on residents and businesses. This proposed hike threatens to deter talent and investment from our state, hindering our economic growth and competitiveness. I urge the commission to carefully evaluate the necessity and proportionality of any rate adjustments, prioritizing the well-being and economic vitality of Indiana's residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Abby Elpers

From: [Wesley Passick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wesley Passick - Cause #45990 Centerpoint Energy rate increase
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 6:29:23 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Centerpoint Energy's request for a rate increase in Cause Number 45990. I am a residential customer of Centerpoint Energy and I live in Evansville, Indiana. I'm writing these comments on my own behalf. I believe that Centerpoint Energy does not need nor deserve a rate hike for the following reasons:

- Centerpoint Energy Has been charging me ever increasing amounts for the same amount or less of energy. I live in a very tiny house that is insulated to the max, yet last month I was charged \$195.65 for \$133.42 of energy! At Centerpoint's current rates I am already forced to conserve and make do with as little use as possible. Setting the heat to 66 during waking hours and 60 at night is apparently not enough for Centerpoint.
- Centerpoint Energy already has the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. The proposed rate increase would raise the average customer's monthly bill by \$47.24 (30.7%) by 2026. This is outrageous and unaffordable for many customers, especially low- and fixed-income households, seniors, people with disabilities, and homes with children.
- Centerpoint Energy has been spending customer money with reckless abandon, making poor investment decisions in coal-fired power plants that are now being retired or phased out. I should not have to pay for Centerpoint Energy's mistakes and mismanagement.
- Centerpoint Energy's request for a monthly fixed charge of \$23.20 is unfair and discriminatory. A fixed charge is a fee that I have to pay before I even use any electricity. It reduces my ability to control my bills and discourages energy conservation and efficiency. A fixed charge also disproportionately impacts low- and fixed-income customers who use less electricity than average.
- Centerpoint Energy's request for a three-phase rate increase is unjustified and premature. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) has not yet issued a final order on this case, and the public hearing is scheduled for Feb. 29, 2024. Centerpoint Energy should not be allowed to implement any rate increase until the IURC has fully reviewed and approved its request.
- Centerpoint Energy's CEO David Lesar (formally of [Arthur Andersen](#), those responsible for ENRON's colorful accounting) was ranked as the **most overpaid** CEO among the 100 largest U.S. utilities in 2021. His total compensation of \$37.8 million was **366 times** as much as the average Centerpoint Energy employee's salary of \$103,170. Centerpoint Energy's executive pay is not only excessive, but also unjustified, given the company's poor performance and customer satisfaction. If Ceterpoint is seeking savings, this may be a more appropriate place to start.

For these reasons, I urge the IURC to reject Centerpoint Energy's request for a rate increase in Cause Number 45990. I also urge the City of Evansville and the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) to intervene and represent the interests of the customers in this case. Centerpoint Energy's rate hike is unreasonable, unnecessary, and harmful to the customers it serves.

Sincerely,

Wesley Passick
Karen Kennady T/C
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Evansville, In 47714
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wilmensha T Taylor
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:30:59 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Wilmensha T Taylor

Email: indianawinnie@aol.com

Phone: (812) 470-3906

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Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a single mother of 5 with my oldest in college at Franklin college and a senior at Memorial High School, two grade school children in 4th and 6th at St Bens, a 3 yr old. It is a major struggle to send them to a decent school along with making arrangements every couple of months just to make sure we don't get disconnected. I also take care of my 75 yr old father who has had 4 strokes and I provide 24hr care for. Trying to keep up with everyday living expenses for all of us is just unbearable. A increase in out utilities would basically drown me. Not being able to have extra money for the children because all of the extra payments that I already have to pay is not a way of living. I pay my taxes and try to look forward to being able to plan a trip or something adventurous for my family other than all of my money going to centerpoint. One of the major problems that I see within this company also is the type of arrangements they offer. They are definitely not designed to get caught up but to continue to make outrageous monthly payments on the account. I hope this will be a great decision to help those of us that are middle class and still struggling. Again thank you for taking the time to recognize my concerns, with best regards of a great outcome.

From: [Sunta, Anthony \(URC\)](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: New Inquiry 136991 CRM:0351000000903
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:19:41 PM

Customer Type: Residential
Customer: Sherwood Smith II
Business Phone:
Home Phone: 812-470-0371
Contact Phone: 812-470-0371
Service Address: 8052 Cedar Point Drive
City, State, ZIP: Newburgh , IN , 47630
Email: buds2649@att.net

Case Description: rates are increasing at a phenomenal rate. We in Southern Indiana already pay the highest prices in the state. I think this is price gouging. hoping you can look into this.

From: [Tonya Foley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tonya Foley - CenterPoint Energy
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 10:09:10 AM

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I am a single person living in a 1400 sq ft house. I have kept my heat set on 64 all winter and keep non-used bedroom doors closed at all times. I have double paned windows and there are no drafts in my home. My electric bill this month was \$460. CenterPoint is literally price gouging to the point that people cannot afford groceries, and now we are supposed to be on the hook for an additional \$70/month according to the latest increase proposal. This is out of control and has to stop. The company is literally ruining lives at this point. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do something to stop them! The average person cannot afford these rates!

Thank you,

Tonya Foley

I wish to object to this proposed 16% rate increase by Centerpoint Energy. This is a dramatic proposed increase. I am on a fixed income and will not be receiving a rate increase this year to offset this proposed electric rate increase. I do not see where anyone on a fixed income can afford this proposed increase .

I do not understand why Centerpoint took a functioning coal plant (A B Brown) used for their baseload capacity out of commission and they want to use solar energy and wind turbines to replace this baseload. We all saw what will happen when this occurs. Remember what occurred in Texas when they did this and had multiple blackouts across the state.

They are already the highest priced electric company in Indiana. What are they doing to reduce their costs?

Please support the people on fixed incomes who cannot afford this high increase in our costs.

Thank you,

Joe Ellis
10866 Millersburg Road
Chandler, IN 47610
joejenny1992@hotmail.com

I live in Evansville where we pay some of the highest energy rates in the state and quite possibly in the nation. Last week I attended a meeting where we the people were allowed to address the commission that you appointed about yet ANOTHER rate increase! Our rates just increased a year ago. The people of our city are struggling to pay their gas and electric bills already. Many aren't making it. Many have had their utilities shut off and many are now homeless or unable to get new homes because of outstanding energy bills. Over 100 people got up in front of the commission last week and poured their hearts out. Those commission members sat up there stone faced and unmoved by these tragic stories where people were pleading for them to do the right thing! Please, I'm urging you, if you have a heart to step in and stop this!

Heather A. Ricketts
secondhandchic03@aol.com
209 Dreier Boulevard
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Home: (812) 428-4227

I live in Evansville, IN. We pay some of the highest utility rates in the state and some of the highest in the nation. We had a rate hike a year ago and now Centerpoint Energy is requesting yet another one! The people of this city are struggling to pay the rates as they are. Please help us to stop this rate increase!

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"On a more personal note, I am a Vincentian with SVdP St. Clement Catholic Church in Boonville, Indiana. We help many folks with paying utilities and rent, furniture, clothing and food, but the most requests we receive are for help with their CenterPoint bill. If you raise rates this will most definitely double, triple and more the number of similar requests we receive. We are able to help those in need from generous donations from parishioners as well as limited grant money. We rarely have had to say NO to someone's request for help. If CenterPoint raises rates, this will be devastating to many and put generous organizations like SVdP and many other Christian based organizations like ours in a very difficult situation of being overwhelmed with requests for help with CenterPoint bills and not being able to meet those needs. Please say NO to ANY CenterPoint rate hikes or fixed charges!!"

Miss Carol Myers
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Dear Eric, attended the Centerpoint rate increase today, a lot of angry people. I focused on the economics of the Utility Industry. The profit to expense ratio is below the national average. Which means Centerpoint is more profitable than average. They paid .77 per share dividend in 2023 on a share worth around 30. Apple paid .96 per share on beginning 2023 @ 130. and 196. @ the end of 2023. So Ceneterpoint. This shows that Centerpoint pays a large dividend based on share cost.

Since Evansville pays the highest electric rate in Indiana and per Centerpoint no increase in past 20 years. To me that says Evansville customers overpaid for 20 years.

Lastly Centerpoint has a monopoly we need to open Indiana to any company who chooses to offer service. Currently 13 states and DC allow that.

Show that your serving voters by advocating for free market energy cost.

Eric Johnson

Mr. Eric D Johnson

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Evansville, Indiana 47715-3021 IN08

Home: (812) 549-8468

Do you know about the huge discrepancy of Southern Indianas energy bills compared to the rest of the state? What are you doing to help us?

Mrs. Allison Allison
maryallig@yahoo.com
8131 Whitetail Trail
Evansville, Indiana 47711-6375 IN08

Dear, Governor Holcomb,

Do you know that Southern Indiana has one of the highest energy bills in the country? When you look at the median incomes in this area compared to other areas, it's devastating to these people. There are elders choosing between heat and medications and others being forced out of their homes that can no longer keep up with the costs. All of us are struggling with these bills and that was before the requested rate hike. We have the highest bills in Indiana, but the people that keep giving Centerpoint a free pass don't even live in our area. One of the most important jobs of elected officials is to protect their people, and I've heard you won't even talk to our city council that is finally trying to do something to help us. Why won't you help people in your state that are struggling so bad and getting ready to struggle more if that rate hike passes? Is it because you are getting bribes? Is it because you don't live here and see the struggle? I honestly don't know, but if you know about the discrepancy of our prices compared to the rest of the state and aren't doing anything to change this then it doesn't paint you in a very good light. I know you will be out of office soon but you should be ashamed of yourself for having so many people in your state hurting because of one company. I don't know how they sleep at night, or how you sleep, for that matter....for choosing to do nothing. I can only pray that you have a change of heart and do something that matters for your people before you get out of office.

Ms. Jennie M. Simpson
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Newburgh, Indiana 47630-2432

Do you know about the huge discrepancy of Southern Indianas energy bills compared to the rest of the state? What are you doing to help us?

Ms. Roxanne Martin
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2705 North Cross Creek Drive
Evansville, Indiana 47715-7665

I would like to know what you plan on doing to STOP CenterPoint from gouging southern Indiana customers. Their service fees are outrageous. How can you approve such increases when this is a monopoly? We cannot afford their distribution fees on top of all the other increased charges. If you lived here, having no other utility company, and can't afford the increasing utility costs, what would you do? People like myself have worked years to enjoy retirement but now with CenterPoint charges, the future is unknown as to how we can afford to live. Income is too high to get assistance but not high enough to live with these increases. Why do we, evidently not you in your area, have to pay for all of their expenses here and in other states. It is beyond my imagination that a person of your level can allow people to be taken advantage of.

CenterPoint and their corporate heads DO NOT NEED MORE MONEY IF YOU READ THEIR FINANCIAL REPORTS. They are gouging (which it is) from people who would like to be given a choice of utility companies but have no other option. Take care of southern Indiana! The middle class is being hit especially hard since lower income have assistance programs. We want to live a happy retirement which we worked for and not have to set thermostats to 60 degrees in the winter and still have \$400-\$600 bills for a home with two people and under 1800 square foot home. Their fees are killing southern Indiana. We need someone to step up and stop this monopoly.

Thank you for listening even though I'm sure this is not going to be read by you personally.

Mrs. Dorie Dannheiser
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Governor Holcomb,

First, let me say I have been a lifelong resident of Evansville, IN. I am proud of my community and I am proud to call Vanderburgh County home.

I am writing to let you know that I am not proud of the work of the IURC, the lack of southwestern Indiana representation on your commission, and the fact that Centerpoint is allowed to have a monopoly of local utilities. 2 people from Greenwood, one from Brownsburg, Avon, & Indianapolis have no voice for us down here that are being run over by uncontested rate increases by our local utility. I would like some explanation how these kind of extreme hikes are acceptable to you as our Governor. I look to you as the leader of this state to tell us in this part of the state how this is okay, and something that should just be tolerated and accepted as the only answer.

Thank you for your time and attention. And I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter.

Aaron Blackwell
Evansville, IN

Mr. Aaron L. Blackwell
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To whom it may concern, Im a 63 year old male retiring this year from Big Rivers Electric and know a little about the power industry, what I'm seeing from Centerpoint is truly unprecedented the amount my bill has gone up is unbelievable. I know rate hikes have to be ok'd by the PSC i can't believe they did this this is truly a hardship on us all. We already had some of the highest energy prices in the nation. Centerpoints excuses were that we had to pay for a ice storm in Texas(really), supply and demand for natural gas(that changes daily), and projects they have invested in. Please Mr. Holcolm will you address this before its too late for us I'm really wanting to retire this year and this is a very troubling situation, Thank you

Mr. Tim A. Brown
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Governor Holcomb;

I am wanting to know why you 1) Allow Centerpoint to monopolize Southern Indiana; 2) Allow the IURC to rubber stamp all increases requested by this monopoly; 3) Allow residents of the Southern Indiana region to be raped by Centerpoint, causing hardships, disconnections, and having to choose between buying food, paying rents/ mortgages, medications and other basic necessities each month?? This is cruel and you need to effectuate changes to help your residents. It is apparent that the IURC is controlled by Centerpoint, not the reverse. Many residents are suffering from bills that have doubled or tripled and seriously struggling to pay their gas and electric bills and this is your fault as well as that of your commission. Does this not concern you? Have you no conscience? Is it a matter of " it doesn't affect me" so you and the IURC shove these issues aside? Why are my payments still being processed with a connection to Vectren? I'm looking forward to the next election when perhaps the new Governor will have the backbone to stand up against Centerpoint and send them packing back to Texas. I can't help but believe there is definite collusion and collaboration between you, the IURC and Centerpoint. Somebody is benefitting from this theft and rape, that's for sure. Open the doors and let other utility suppliers compete against this monopoly which is the way the system should operate. What this company is doing to your residents is sinful and you and your commission are to blame. I look forward to receiving your response to my points and comments. No "political shuck and jive" response please. Clear and direct responses and a plan for helping us in the Southern region escape from this evil company and IURC commission appointees would be appreciated.

Sincerely, Mary Adams

Mrs. Mary Adams
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Centerpoint has more than doubled electric and gas bills in evansville indiana three times now with absolute freedom to monopolize this market something needs to be done about it

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How long is CenterPoint Energy going to be allowed to gouge the people of Indiana with their continuous rate increases? Another \$16.55 per 1000 kWh? I fled the Left Coast to avoid this garbage. Do we have to move again to avoid CenterPoint robbing us blind? Do we need to find a new Governor who will take action to support Indiana citizens and put the IURC back on track? It certainly seems so.

The GOP did such a bad job in Evansville that the Dems were elected in a landslide down here. It's time to take action Sir. The National crisis we are facing doesn't need to be exacerbated by allowing the utility companies to empty our pockets of every spare dime we make.

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Adam Cartwright
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:17:59 PM

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Name: Adam Cartwright

Email: adcartwig@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 449-9897

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CenterPoint's rates have been extremely high, and steadily increasing for years. They are a monopoly, and to continue to allow them to increase rates to put more money in their pockets should be a crime. They have record profits every year, and refuse to use those profits for their infrastructure improvements. Instead, they increase rates to the customer without providing better service. They can do this, and you allow them, because we as consumers have no other option. It needs to end now, and rates need to be reduced to realistic and livable levels.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Adam Moore
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:09:38 PM

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Phone: (812) 241-0242
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Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The proposed rate increase, only one year after the last increase, is completely obscene. For the IURC and OUCC to even consider yet another rate increase for the people that already pay the highest rates in the state is a complete failure to represent the people of Indiana and their best interests. As a customer of Centerpoint, I have seen no benefit from "capital projects", just the same slow, inefficient and unreliable service we've always had. Add in the indifference of Centerpoint's leaders to consider what their customers actually want, maybe a year without a ridiculous rate increase and unbelievably high bills, and you have the most pitiful example of a regulatory body failing to do its job I've ever seen. Every member of the committee should be ashamed of themselves for continuing to let this greed driven monopoly persist and enabling them through further rate increases. I hope you would let reason lead you to the right choice and deny this rate increase request because the people in this region already suffer under the burden of the states highest rates, making them higher only compounds the problems faced by our citizens that you are supposed to be representing against this robber baron-esque company.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alexandra Bell
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:46:33 PM

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Name: Alexandra Bell
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Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: They need to be denied. I make decent money and their bill is almost my whole check once a month. Some times it's food or the gas and electric bill. The people need help right now not another rate hike

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alisha Mitchell
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:45:06 PM

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Title:

Name: Alisha Mitchell

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Evansville

IN

47710

Utilities: Centerpoint case# 45590

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not allow Centerpoint Energy to raise rates anymore. We already pay an astronomical amount for gas and electric and the service fees associated with getting those "delivered" are sickening. Why do they have a monopoly in my area? If this continues much longer we're not going to be able to afford to live here. Living so close to Kentucky and Illinois is becoming more affordable to work here and live in another state. STOP THE GREED!

From: [Alison Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alison Moore - Center point utility increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:39:25 AM

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Good morning

I was unable to make the meeting yesterday but wish to voice my objection to the proposed rate increase. We presently keep our thermostat at 65 during the winter and 76 during the summer. In spite of that utilities are the most costly bill we have every month. We have made every energy saving change recommended and still our bills continue to rise. I can't help but feel that a company located out of Texas has our best interests in heart. I was shocked to see that the Evansville area pays the 19th in utility rate in the country! If this rate increase goes through Evansville will be number 5!! This is unacceptable! Vanderburgh is not a rich county! With this change it will encourage people to move away from this area and business will soon follow. Please veto this increase!! Thank you for your time!

From: [Alison Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alison Moore - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:26:50 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Alison Moore
8500 N St Joseph Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allison Myers
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:44:01 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Allison Myers
Email: allisonbaron13@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Santa Claus
IN
47579
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: We need the governments help in controlling Centerpoint price increase. It's becoming to the point it is unaffordable!!! How is this legal?! How is the government allowing this?!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Coomer
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:39:49 PM

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Name: Amanda Coomer

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Address:

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case # 45990: Centerpoint is already raping their customers with gas distribution fees three times the amount of their actual usage. Centerpoint customers can't afford another \$45 fee added to their electric bill as well. Already, a third of my monthly bill is from various fees. Allowing the electric fee to pass will result in over half of my bill to be nothing but fees. How is that right or fair? Evansville already has one of the highest utility rates in the country. This will put us right at the top. Not to mention it will run potential businesses off. Centerpoint is going to make Evansville a ghost town.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber Olander
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:57:19 PM

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Wadesville
IN
47638
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: 45590

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Cox
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:01:11 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Amy Cox

Email: amyjspencer@msn.com

Phone: (317) 460-6899

Address: 361 E Inauguration Day

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: The rates are killing our families. I work VERY hard and raise two teenagers on my own. We live in an all electric 1100 Sq foot home and are very mindful of our usage. On a very typical February, my bill went from \$200 average to \$420!!! Who can pay this?! HELP

From: [Amy Kirk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Kirk - Cause number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:24:39 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

RE: Cause number 45990 - I am a senior living in Evansville Indiana. I have a very restricted budget, living on social security only. My utility bill is currently my largest spend every single month of the year, hands down. Any rise at all in utility rates further restricts my living. It would mean: *Less driving due to fuel needs, *less grocery money, *less health care funding, *more stress due to further restricted finances, *no vacations at all, *no visiting my children/grandchildren in other states. Please take us seniors into consideration when you are proposing rate hikes! We want to live without fear of where our next meal is coming from and would like to see our children!

Regards,
Amy Kirk
3800 Broadway Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Kirk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Kirk - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:13:11 PM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Amy Kirk
3800 Broadway Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Kirk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Kirk - Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:59:30 PM

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My name is Amy K. I live in SW Indiana, city of Evansville. My power company is Centerpoint. I am a senior citizen, living on a fixed social security income. My largest monthly bill by far is my Centerpoint bill. There are times now when I must choose between groceries I need or paying Centerpoint. Now they want yet another rate hike - and a very substantial one at that. I am writing today to let you know I say NO. Enough is enough! No new "infrastructure". No rate hike for anything this year. Just NO.
Amy K

From: [Amy Kirk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Kirk - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 6:12:17 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Amy Kirk
3800 Broadway Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Woods](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Woods - Unfair price hikes
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 4:44:42 PM

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Centerpoint is unfairly charging everyone. I am in budget billing and am deeply afraid of what will happen when they reevaluate my budget bill this summer. I'm a single mom raising kids on my own and cannot afford for my bill to keep increasing like it seems to be doing.

Amy Woods
Evansville, IN 47711

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andre Manz
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:25:57 PM

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Title: Dr.
Name: Andre Manz
Email: ande.manz@gmail.com
Phone: (773) 647-0505
Address: Fountain Ave
Evansville
IN
47710
Utilities: Center Point Energy #45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: We need a rate REDUCTION! Say NO to the increase. Please, and thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrea Pennington
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:12:19 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Andrea Pennington
Email: andierae08@gmail.com
Phone:
Address: 13620 Old State Rd
Evansville
IN
47725

Utilities: Center Point Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The costs for Center Point are absolutely outrageous. Paying a usage fee that is DOUBLE what I actually used is insanity. I understand having fees and other costs. But in no way should it ever be as much as it is. For the last year, I have had to pay my bill a month behind simply to afford my other required monthly bills and also feeding my young children. But if I didn't pay, Center Point wouldn't care if my kids were cold, hungry, etc. I quite frankly, do not care how much money they "give back" to our community when I can't even afford to give back to my community. Sometimes ABSOLUTELY needs to change for us customers and that DOES NOT mean higher energy costs.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Grayson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:05:42 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Andrew Grayson
Email: andy.grayson@toyota.com
Phone: (812) 459-5131
Address: 330 Gish dr
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case 45990. I am a current customer against the rate increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Ross Scher
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:24:04 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Andrew Ross Scher

Email: arscher81594@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 344-3529

Address:

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CenterPoint has asked the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for a rate increase that will cost the average electric customer almost \$50 more per month by 2026. It's also seeking to raise the customer charge to \$23.20, up from its current level of \$10.84. That's a 114% increase! CenterPoint's electric customers have paid the highest bills in Indiana since 2008.

This is absolutely unacceptable. This is simply a local monopoly using it's lack of competition as justification to overcharge customers with no other options for electricity. They do not need nor intend to use these ill-gotten gains to improve services. Electricity is electricity, the costs of production have not increased. This is another example of greedy capitalists squeezing those with no other option for short term gains. Do not under any circumstances allow this rate increase. It only hurts the citizens.

From: [Ann_yates](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ann Yates - Rate hikes.
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:27:31 PM

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You have a monopoly on our energy. Maybe your head honcho could take a pay cut so we don't have to take a grocery cut. Thank you for considering our needs.

Ann Yates

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Deyss
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:10:07 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Anna Deyss
Email: annaart25@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 455-7379
Address:
Evansville
IN
47712

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: #45990 Centerpoint has continually raised rates since they moved into Evansville, Indiana. There has been an excuse every year and now also charging astronomical "distribution charges" for natural gas. Centerpoint said they had to raise natural gas rates due to their provider raising their rates. Centerpoint has a second company they own that supplies their natural gas. They raised rates on themselves to raise rates on themselves. My usage of natural gas this month was \$32. My distribution charges are \$106. This is outrageous. There needs to be another option for electrical and gas services in the area. Please do not allow them to raise rates yet again. Humans in Evansville are being priced out of existence.

Sincerely,

Anna Deyss

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Hernandez
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:57:05 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Anne Hernandez
Email: futbolchick13@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 319-4089
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: CenterPoint Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: CenterPoint is already charging its customers an exorbitant amount every month. Their "fees" on a bill are often more than the usage costs. Many people already can't afford to pay their electric. A rate hike will be devastating.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Annette Jenkins
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:44:14 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Annette Jenkins
Email: annette.jenkins182@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 674-1020
Address:
Evansville
IN
47715

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Stop the increases rates by this monopoly. Make them explain what all the numerous fees are exactly for and why they fluctuate from month to month. I live alone small single residence and am not home for 10-12 hrs per day (x6). Keep my thermostat at 62 degrees when it's below 45 out and A/C at 76 when it's over 85 out. Usually both are off for 3-4 months. Yet my electric cost keeps going up. So do I not pay my mortgage ? not buy gas, groceries and medications ? or give up my required insurance coverages & basic cell phone service. I gave up Internet & TV 6-yrs ago but that didn't help for long. I'm ready to disconnect and live as though I'm camping.

From: [Anthony Cron](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anthony Cron - Center Point Rate increase
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 7:17:49 PM

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Center Point does not need to increase the rate for electricity by almost 20 percent. That's Robbery.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: April Liley
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:52:27 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: April Liley
Email: lileyapril@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 430-9584
Address: 2811 Selzer Rd
Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please deny the requested rate increase! You work for the citizens of Indiana and you need to protect us from this out of state company taking advantage of being the monopoly provider of a public service.

From: [Ashley Englert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Englert - Opposition to rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:28:06 PM

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Opposed to the rate hike of center point. Also they are basically a monopoly and I have never been able to determine why that is allowed in our area.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Autumn Dick
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:42:37 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Autumn Dick
Email: autumnt17@yahoo.com
Phone:
Address:
Wadesville
IN
47638

Utilities: Centerpoint electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: We have a full electric home, no gas. Our home has all energy efficient appliances, lightbulbs, etc. In the winter we keep our house set on 64 degrees, in the summer we keep it at 80. We do everything we can to keep our bills as low as we can. Yet the prices are still outrageous! If we see a price increase it will be so unaffordable for so many. Please do not vote in favor of this. It will not benefit any of the citizens, it will only pad the pockets of centerpoint

From: [Barbara Kuebler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbra Kuebler - Centerpoint IURC cause no 45990
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 3:46:37 PM

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I don't think that the citizens should always be paying the whole bill for improvements. The company should kick in half of the money or more too. They keep adding raised rates but when the improvement is done the rate never goes down. We have a monopoly on energy companies and they keep getting richer and we get poorer.

From: [Barbara Steele](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbra Steele - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:20:13 PM

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Hello, I am a single, elderly retired person on fixed income. I do all I can to keep thermostat low and conserve my utility usage. Yet winters are rough here in Evansville and I'm cold a lot of the time. Raising rates by Centerpoint will create a great physical and financial hardship for me. Would like to have choice of other utilities-not a monopoly. Thankyou.

Sent fro my iPhone

From: [Becky Mosby](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Becky Mosby - Centerpoint Rate Hike - criminal!
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 10:08:24 AM

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As a utility company you will be throwing many hard working Americans into poverty level just trying to pay their utility bills. Shame on your corporation!!

I strongly oppose this rate hike!

Contact info

Becky Mosby
812-901-8399
Evanaville, Indiana. 47725

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Becky Mosby](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Becky Mosby - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:52:22 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Becky Mosby
18511 Somerville Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Benjamin L Weaver
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:21:06 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Benjamin L Weaver
Email: benjaminweaver5@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 640-0017
Address: 9462 West County Road
Richland City
IN
47634
Utilities: Electric/natural gas
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: Centerpoint is trying to raise our rates. Don't let them. They've already gotten way higher since the bought out the previous utility company.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth A. Phipps
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:48:27 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Beth A. Phipps
Email: bp44ap@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 431-0557
Address:
Evansville
IN
47710
Utilities: Centerpoint case 45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please do approve rate increase. I am on a limited income and have my furnace off due to cost. The residents of Evansville deserve representation . Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Poole
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:49:13 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Beth Poole
Email: mepz3@aol.com
Phone: (812) 499-2855
Address: 4131 Lincoln
Evansville
IN
47714
Utilities: Gas
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please reconsider the charges that are being applied to our bills.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Zirkelbach
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:44:26 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Beth Zirkelbach

Email: bethz2011@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 480-0272

Address: 7920 East Cherry St

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: OUCC- please deny this huge increase that Center Point is requesting. This price increase will be an economical hardship for many low income families.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Betty Barning
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 6:47:48 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Betty Barning
Email: dbarning@aol.com
Phone: (812) 867-6787
Address:
Evansville
IN
47725

Utilities: CENTERPOINT

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: After January 2024's cold snap, I, at age 90, am paying OVER \$1,000.00 for my March payable statement due to having to use the "electric heat option" as temperatures were in single digits when it was previously less than \$300! That is my ENTIRE Social Security check! NEVER have I paid this much to keep warmth in my home!!! CENTERPOINT'S current rates are outrageous, and now they have the gall to request MORE???

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!).

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

From: [Bobbi Richardson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bobbi Richardson - CenterPoint Electric Rate Request
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:59:50 PM

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We are NOT in favor of a rate increase. We are total electric and our heat bill is very high. I know of a number of people whose electric bill is beyond their capacity to pay.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bonnie Berry-Goebel
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:48:48 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Bonnie Berry-Goebel

Email: bgoebel1843@att.net

Phone: (812) 457-0461

Address:

Evansville

IN

47710

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I'm tired of being ripped off by Centerpoint!! I've lived in my same house for 63 years. It's a moderate 3 bedroom home. Nothing fancy. In all my years living here I've never had a bill over \$100. Since Centerpoint has taken over my bill has tripled. I'm

An 81 year old woman on Social Security. Which doesn't go far after paying utilities and buying food. Something has to be done and it can't be soon enough. Thank you

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandi Stone
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:20:09 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Brandi Stone

Email: blstone52@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 499-2970

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: Centerpointe

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I am appalled that Centerpoint is raising their prices, yet again! I see complaints daily from people who have to choose to go without electricity for their children just so they can have food. This should be a NECESSITY for everyone and anyone they stands by this greedy company should be completely disgusted with themselves!

From: [brandon libbert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Libbert - Rate hikes
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:50:33 PM

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Brandon I. Newburgh in 47630, I writing I don't know who keeps approving these hikes and raises but you are killing people in this part of the area, my bill was double it was cold but family and friends with gas had 30 dollars in usage and 100/300 delivery charge someone need to get this under control before people move from here or get us another company to help with pricing! They have a monopoly and don't care call in say yeah we are only place her so how it goes, you should look at the delivery charges on bills. I don't know who keeps approving these but names would be nice come election time.

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Richards
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:25:28 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Brandon Richards
Email: brich1990@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Electric bill increase

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brent L Memmer
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 6:08:27 AM

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Title:

Name: Brent L Memmer

Email: blmemmer@aol.com

Phone: (812) 473-4679

Address: 7100 E Chestnut St

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990

PLEASE STOP CENTERPOINT ENERGY!!!!

As CenterPoint Energy customers, we pay the highest utility rates in Indiana. They have to do a better job at controlling their cost. And not make the customers pay for the mismanagement of their accounts receivables. "The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Commission) is an administrative agency that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the Commission is required by state statute to make decisions in the public interest to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates." (copied for the IURC website)
It is the duty of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to control the utility companies "AT JUST AND REASONABLE RATES," they have failed at their duty to protect the consumers in Southern Indiana!
On October 25, 2023, IURC approved CenterPoint Energy Cause # 45447 for a base rate increase. Now they are asking for another increase!
CenterPoint Energy asks for rate increases EVERY SINGLE YEAR, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission grants Centerpoint Energy request for rate increases 99% of the time. When is enough enough?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Distler
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:44:25 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Brian Distler

Email: bdistler6@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 483-0258

Address: 1811 Brent Dr

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a CenterPoint customer in Newburgh, CenterPoint wanting to charge us additional money is mind boggling considering we have the highest electric and gas bill in the state of Indiana already and 19th highest city in the whole USA is nothing but price raping us. Enough is Enough, put a stop to any additional rate hikes by CenterPoint for several years, show us the people this will not be tolerated. CenterPoint needs to manage their money better and quit raping us the consumers. We need people on the board from this area who make this decision not someone it will not increase their electric/gas bill up North by saying yes.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Britany ruxer
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:34:03 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Britany ruxer
Email: britany.thomas89@gmail.com
Phone: (270) 903-0412
Address:
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I'm against the centerpoint raising the prices. My bill is already at \$500 a month and that for Noone being home and I can't barley afford food onto of that price. No one can't afford it. Centerpoint has the highest numbers than anyone nation wide.

From: [Brittany Fields](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Dennis - Center point rate hike- 47725
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 6:33:40 PM

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I am against this!!! People cannot afford their rates as it is. Families having to choose which bills to pay just so the center point ceo than have a massive bonus. It's not right.

Brittany Dennis, 47725

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brooklyn Qualls
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:27:56 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Brooklyn Qualls

Email: brooklynsqualls@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 480-3639

Address: 1732 glendale avenue

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Center point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a single working mother, I barely afford my budget bill of 300 a month. I am doing the best I can but it is increasingly harder to afford these price gouges and increases. Please consider helping out the hardworking people who do what they are supposed to do and can't afford to do anything else?

From: [Caitlin Morgan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Caitlin Morgan - DENY RATE HIKE
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:32:43 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I can only assume sending this email is a waste of my time & energy, because despite our ever-failing economy, you still seem to think it's okay to raise our rates astronomically, causing people all over the area to struggle with "do I pay my electric bill, or do I buy my life-saving medication?"

You see, I am a pediatric nurse, so I see these low-income families every day, struggling to pay for medication that their child **DEPENDS** on in order to function on a daily basis.

Is this because big pharma? Maybe. But it's also because rates on **EVERYTHING** are increasing daily, & for what?!?!?

It's **SICKENING**.

Center point is somehow getting away with illegally functioning as a monopoly, gaining riches because we as a community have no other choice but to pay the bill. **IF** we even can.

It is 2024. I am a nurse making **PLENTY** of money to live off of, **YET WE CANT!!!!** We struggle to pay the bills because it's constantly going **UP UP UP**.

I'm honestly not sure how you people sleep at night, probably in your 5k count thread silk sheets on your California King size beds in your million dollar homes. While the people you provide service for, the ones who indirectly pay **YOUR** bills, are struggling to buy the daily necessities.

So yes, it's obvious the reason I am sending this email. If you guys have **ANY** ounce of Jesus Christ in your heart, you will listen to the people who want to **DENY** this rate hike. **LOWER OUR RATES BACK DOWN TO, OH I DONT KNOW, AFFORDABLE?!**

Thanks for nothing, you money hungry assholes,
Caitlin Morgan

From: [MARC CLARK](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cara Clark - No to Centerpoint rate hike
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:36:04 AM

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Our rates are the highest in the state. People are having to choose food over heat. Please take a hard look at their history. This area has also not been given the choice for competition even though IP&L asked to serve this area as well. They were blocked ...

Cara Clark
Newburgh IN. 47630

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carie A Brown
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:57:16 PM

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A form has been submitted for: OUCC Contact Form
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Title: Ms.

Name: Carie A Brown

Email: carie.brown1977@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 306-7960

Address: 6201 Six School Road

Evansville

IN

47720

Utilities: centerpoint energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I have had enough of Centerpoint price gouging us costumers.... when your electric bill is more than you mortgage, that is just ridiculous! they already have plenty of profits and they are killing us little guys with all the fees... please give us a break! people shouldn't have to make a choice between life saving prescriptions and pay electric bill...

From: [Carol Reinhart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carol S. Reinhart-CenterPoint Rate increase
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 2:46:56 PM

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To my fellow human beings:

Please do not raise the utility rate.

Perhaps, try budgeting first. For example: stop donating millions to charities and use that money to invest into infrastructure.

Lower the CEO and upper management salaries. Apply that savings to the boots on the ground that actually create income for your company.

These are just two cost cutting solutions that would NOT hurt either your employees or customers.

Thank you,

Carol S. Reinhart
812-491-0167

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carol Stratman
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 3:16:03 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Carol Stratman
Email: cmstrat75@gmail.com
Phone:
Address: 822 saint giles ct
Evansville
IN
47725
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I oppose the electric rate increase requested by center point. I live alone on a fixed income and cannot afford any increase

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn myers
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:42:01 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Carolyn myers
Email: cpw5661@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 483-3583
Address: 8066 Cobblestone Ct
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: Centerpoint is a monopoly there's no reason for our bills to be this high iam a widow and trying to stay in my home but 1/3 of my check is going to Centerpoint. There making there area unaffordable to live in .

From: [Carolyn Wilkinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Wilkinson
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 1:00:41 PM

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In regard to Centerpoints electric rate increase, I oppose it. Low and middle income and seniors on a fixed income (like myself) cannot continue to pay for the company with the highest rates in Indiana's rate increases. We are already struggling with inflation and increases in everyday necessities, including food and medicine. I appeal to our elected officials to block this rate increase.

Thank you

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Williams-Foell
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:01:07 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Carolyn Williams-Foell

Email: carolyn23aug@icloud.com

Phone: (701) 219-3044

Address: 1065 W Chestnut by the Fire

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not allow Centerpoint to

raise their rates. It is a hardship to those on fixed incomes and the disabled. Especially the monthly user fee as the consumer has no control over that charge while they can control the amount of energy used to some degree. I keep my small one story slab house at 64 and below in the winter already and do use the monthly budget option. The folks I know working for Centerpoint are paid very well, so they increase is not needed for salaries, just for more profits.

From: [kaylepolston14](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Center Point
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:39:37 AM

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In regards to the proposed increase in our electric bills. Please tell them that they can vigorously fornicate themselves with the rustiest dull knife that could possibly be found.

People despise being bled dry by the constant increases. People don't want to move here when they hear or learn about the abuse we've allowed ourselves to live under. And it's a reason that I'm excited to leave the area when we can.

Do not pass go, do not collect our 200+ dollars, recoupe their funds somewhere else; we've paid our dues.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: bodysolid1954@aol.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Center Point45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:47:57 PM

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your rate increases you bastards

From: wipes05_earlier@icloud.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: CenterPoint Energy Rate Case
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:09:11 AM

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Please deny the CenterPoint Energy proposed rate increase and make them lower their rates. CenterPoint's rates are already way too high.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: CG Epple
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:16:47 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: CG Epple
Email: cgepple@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 204-8885
Address: 269E 1025S
Haubstadt
IN
47639
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: IURC Cause No. 45990

As a customer on a fixed income, I feel the request for a significant raise in our utility rates will create additional hardships for us and all others on low or fixed incomes. We are already facing huge raises on our food and everything else we need to survive. Our current utility rates are at the TOP of the list for the cost of energy. The salaries of the people at the top need to be reduced. Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chad Hayden
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:19:33 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Chad Hayden

Email: Chad.hayden203@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 550-2000

Address: 2412 Wild Dunes Dr

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In regards to the recent request from Cwnterpoint it should be denied. CenterPoint is driving residents away from Southern Indiana and the state. As the sole provider with no options, they have made it impossible for a family to get ahead , in some cases even survive. I had a \$402 bill during our coldest month recently for a double wide with adequate insulation and a 3 year old furnace and heat pump. I use LED bulbs in everything and have energy efficient appliances. CenterPoint executives need to look at how lavishly they live and what they are doing to the state of Indiana. IURC needs to work on reversing some of the increases they have already allowed over the years because I'm sure we have paid for Centerpoints buildings and improvements over and over again.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charlotte Moreno
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:02:23 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Charlotte Moreno
Email: cmann937@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 664-8247
Address: 1715 Greencastle Dr
Evansville
IN
47715
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Centerpoint rate hikes are OUT OF CONTROL. How does our state and our area expect to tackle the cost of living crisis when we allow greedy corporations to devour our income left and right?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cherie Johnson
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:35:17 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Cherie Johnson

Email: cmjstaxi@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 568-4466

Address: 5420 Haines Road

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a family we cannot afford the continued increases and services charges that they keep charges us.

We would prefer Win Energy or Duke. We have no choices. It takes an entire pay check to pay our bill at this point.

When you don't even turn your heat up and it is still \$400 . That is enough. Please help control them and regulate their increases.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Brady
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:27:14 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Cheryl Brady

Email: cheryl_brady1@msn.com

Phone: (812) 385-5579

Address: 17218 Owensville Rd

Evansville

IN

47720

Utilities: Center point energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please don't grant them the ok increase that they have applied for! There are many households that are already making concessions, such as medically necessary medication, food etc, in order to pay at the current rates! Stop padding the CEO's pockets!

From: [Cheven](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheven May - CenterPoint energy
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:33:32 AM

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Hello-

I am writing because I cannot make it to the public hearing on February 29 to state my opinion that Centerpoint energy rates should not be raised in our state. They already have a monopoly and charge too much as it is. The rate they charge per kilowatt hour is excessive already.

Thanks,
Cheven May
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheyenne Pemberton
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:15:35 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Cheyenne Pemberton
Email: cngoebel95@yahoo.com
Phone: (317) 512-9422
Address: 6925 Benthall Rd
Mount Vernon
IN
47620
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case #:45990

I think the fact that Centerpoint wants to raise our prices is ridiculous. They already charge us enough as it is. The distribution charges are absurd as well. I truly don't know how people are supposed to live. Everything is becoming too expensive. Soon people will have to choose between their medicine, their food, or their utilities. This can't keep happening or people will suffer more than they already are.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:07:04 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Christopher

Email: cwolsiefer1981@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 774-2345

Address: 6820 Wade park dr

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The rate increase is uncalled for. Something needs to be done with this company. Either get them under control or allow us to use other delivers. I don't understand why the people we hire just sit and do nothing about the items that matter and expend all there energy on subjects that should be tabled as soon as they're read. It's time for y'all to start working for the people that believe in you and voted for you to make a difference.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Goodman
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:29:38 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Christopher Goodman
Email: chris@goodmancreek.com
Phone: (812) 431-0348
Address: 2360 E Morgan Ave
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: Vectren/Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case #: 45990

Dear IURC Regulators,

I am writing regarding the recent request by CenterPoint Energy /Vectren for an increase in rates for utilities in the Southern Indiana areas. As a long time resident and local business owner, I find it outlandish that our utility rates are already some of the highest in the State, much less the U.S. as a whole.

Our residents cannot afford an increase. Which will lead many to relocating outside of our area. I hear many people discussing the option to move across the bridge where utilities and taxes are more affordable.

Small businesses, even larger ones, are considering relocation.

This cannot be allowed by our government and the regulators entrusted to protect our consumers from financial abuse.

CenterPoint is claiming a great year and highest profits/return to investors in the market.

Please do not allow this to move forward!!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Lou Jarrett
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:33:18 PM

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Title:

Name: Cindy Lou Jarrett

Email: clj6877@icloud.com

Phone:

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Utility

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please REJECT the proposed rate increase for CenterPoint. Hoosier citizens are hurting as it is and it's beyond difficult to pay bills. They are proposing hikes for the next 2-3 years. Indiana gas/electric utilities should NOT have a monopoly for its citizens. PLEASE look into this and REJECT this proposal. Elected officials are SUPPOSED to represent its citizens, but so far all the monies seem to go into their pockets and the citizens continue to hurt. Thank you!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cliff nurrenbern
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:42:58 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Cliff nurrenbern

Email: cliffn@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 480-7887

Address:

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I wanted to post I oppose the rate hike and increased distinction charges. Several othe utilities are able to provide services for lower amounts. How are they able to do it but centerpoint is. Not able to.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Colby Potts
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:34:26 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Colby Potts

Email: colbydpotts@gmail.com

Phone: (870) 636-0226

Address:

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990 I have been negatively affected by centerpoints rate increases. My bill has gone up regularly since moving to the area nearly seven years ago. Just recently my bill increased \$126 over the course of a month with me being out of state for over a week during the billing period and no other changes to my utility usage during that time. It is an outrage that they are allowed to essentially monopolize the energy industry in this area and cause harm to citizens of Evansville, especially when their CEO is receiving a \$37million annual bonus? No person needs that much money. Use that bonus to help the rest of us afford your ridiculous fees.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Hajek
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:03:23 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Connie Hajek

Email: cahajek@icloud.com

Phone:

Address: 2800 Luigs rd

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The price for electric is getting out of hand-my husband and I just bought our home-we live very frugal lives! But now we are having to live paycheck to paycheck all because of the rate hike starting this year! What is the reason!

From: [Connie Wagner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Wagner - Center Point Utility proposed rate hike
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 3:17:54 PM

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First off, why are there no other utility companies to compete against Center point? They have a monopoly and can charge the weary consumer whatever they choose. Competition is always best for the public.

Please do not allow this money grubbing company to further rob the American people. We are all struggling in this devastating economy. Please hear us!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connor Allen
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:07:12 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Connor Allen

Email: Connorallen9494@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 459-4546

Address: 5703 Calle Las Colinas

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I would just like to say a rate increase to that extent is insanity. It's not sustainable for families, already struggling, living paycheck to paycheck to end up paying hundreds of more dollars per year. It's largely unethical to charge residents so much already under budgetary constraints.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cordell Chenault
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:37:08 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Cordell Chenault
Email: cordell.chenault@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
2729 North Green River Road
IN
47715
Utilities: Centerpoint Southern Indiana - Gas and electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Cause Number
45990

Centerpoint, a monopoly with the most grossly paid CEO in the business is trying to raise rates on it's users again after increasing rates late last year. While the grossly overpaid CEO could be paid less, they continue to push the costs of doing business on the utility users. This would not be an issue if they were not a monopoly in this area, and had fair competition. I've notified the FTC of their monopoly and would hope you all would do your job and not allow them to keep raking your citizens over the coals. Thanks,

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Curt Southard
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 3:55:00 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Curt Southard
Email: curt.southard@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 401-1090
Address: 3824 Farrington DR

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990

The rate increases are abundant for Centerpoint. They just received a rate increase for natural gas. Now they're saying this increase is because they haven't had a base increase in so long. Maybe they haven't but they've sure had plenty of other increases every year. Please note their profits each year are through the roof. Our income coincidentally is NOT! We are on Social Security. If you will look at their profitability reports you will see MILLIONS each year. All the while they donate thousands to local causes of THEIR choosing, not MINE. That's for a tax break. We have no alternative utility company in southern Indiana so yes, we are customers. I certainly wish we did have an alternative. I'm asking the commission to give us a break and not approve yet another PROFIT increase for Centerpoint energy. This simply can't keep going on. They need to absorb all their "upgrades" as a cost of doing business.

Sincerely,

Curt Southard

3824 Farrington Dr

Evansville, IN 47725

Phone 812-401-1090

email: curt.southard@yahoo.com

From: [Cindy Trent](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Trent - Center point
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 1:49:47 PM

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They are asking for another price increase.we can hardly afford them as it is.i keep trying to pay my bill down but it takes almost summer before I can get my winter bill paid off.we are having a. Hard time making ends meet.its to the point they are talking food out of the blue collar workers mouth.Cynthia Trent 47713

From: [D.J. Pea](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: D.J. Pea - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:28:11 PM

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I reject the CenterPoint rate hike!! People like my 68 yr old dad on social security can not already afford the 700\$ bill he got this month as that is half of his check, he also has other bills other than centerpoint. It's ridiculous that you have taken over and hiked the bills as much as you already have. CenterPoint owners should be ashamed of themselves for doing this to the people of Vanderburgh county along with the surrounding counties!!

From: [Shady Nook Scotties](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dale Hart - Center Point rate increase
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 8:56:15 AM

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Regarding the rate increase requested by Center Point Energy-

This utility already has the highest rates in the state of Indiana. I understand that costs have increased and the cost of labor and goods have increased over the past few years. However, electricity rate in the state of Indiana have ALWAYS been higher than that of surrounding states and other utilities within Indiana, and now they want to boost their rate even higher. I am a retired person on a fixed income and a \$40+ increase (on 1000 kilowatts) will be crippling to families like mine. This type of rate increase for electricity will force many families in Indiana to choose whether to pay for electricity, food or medicine.

Please DENY this rate increase ...

--

Dale Hart



Virus-free www.avg.com

From: [Danny Schembre](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Danny Schembre - CenterPoint No more rate increases
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:23:56 PM

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As a consistent payer of my bills, another rate increase will keep my family from being able to pay bills. Please do not do this.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darlene Linberg
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:20:35 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Darlene Linberg
Email: tdlinberg@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 625-9012
Address:
Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: Gas and electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please vote no on increase rate
54 Dollars gas cost, 150 in distribution cost. Three times the cost for each household!!!! Something needs to be done about this. I don't know how the elderly can make it!! People are moving out of this area because of this, do you want to lose taxpayers?

From: [Daryl & Kim](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daryl - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:40:53 AM

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I've heard in earlier comments from Centerpoint that during their program of upgrading the grid infrastructure they promised a specific rate of return to their investors and they intend to honor that promise. If they fail to collect sufficient funds through normal business they can and will result to rate increases. I cannot get a guaranteed return on my investments that I live off of. Coupled with the fact that higher electric rate cost along with other cost increases of life necessities I have less.

I am retired and my wife and I have health issues that require medications that those costs are also going out of sight even with insurance. The supply and demand pricing should not apply to living necessities. Especially where CEOs of those companies make salaries way beyond their station in life.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, Daryl

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Buse
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:36:30 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: David Buse
Email: dbuse@psci.net
Phone: (812) 549-8449
Address: 10154 S 720 W
Holland
IN
47541

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please say no to the proposed Centerpoint increase. They are already the highest kwh in the State! Centerpoint said last month I used 400kw more than same period a year ago and month was 3 degrees warmer. I am a retired, 69 year old single person, and very conservative with my utilities. I keep my thermostat on 63 in the winter months, just a couple loads of clothes washed/dry per week, don't run dishwasher, all lights in house LED and I turn off when not in room. How can this be using more than a year ago! Also, in January I was gone 16 days of the billing cycle with electric water turned off, furnace at 55 and nobody home. That month was \$190 and I also supplement with gas furnace and has wall heater!!! What would my bill have been if I would have been home those extra 15 days!!! Please reject their rate increase. It will extremely burden many poorer folks and those on fixed incomes. Thank you.

From: [david.croft](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Croft - Center point
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:07:31 AM

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Have you guys ever implemented a rate decrease? They bought the most expensive land in Evansville, tore down a multi million dollar building and rebuilt, there CEO makes 37 million + and they keep raising rates. With no competition they just do whatever they want and you guys let them. The people in Evansville are getting fed up.

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Pile jr.
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:58:49 PM

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Email: dpilejr@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 746-1069
Address: 3105 Frederick Ave
Evansville
IN
47714
Utilities: Vectren
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: How can your utilities start being more than your rent. I live on a fixed income and don't want government housing

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David R Cook
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 10:39:39 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: David R Cook
Email: davidrcook@twc.com
Phone: (812) 604-5053
Address: 4216 Saybrook Dr
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: Rate increase
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Another rate increase!!!! Your greed is astounding. You have the highest rate in the area. How much is enough.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
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Title: Dr.

Name: David Uhr

Email: daviduhr@yahoo.com

Phone: (270) 993-5605

Address: 1101 Brentwood Drive

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Our power bills have gone up dramatically over the past several years. They are moth-balling our low-cost coal fired electric generators. At the same time Centerpoint wants to add very expensive solar energy that makes no sense in a state where cloudy weather dramatically cuts production when we most need it. Who pays? We the customer. Who benefits? Centerpoint shareholders, management and employees. All paid for by We the Customer. This must end. We need more competition in our public utilities not more mergers. We need state regulators that are on the side of We the Customer not the out-of-state profit-gauging providers. Please, please, please DO NOT APPROVE Centerpoint's latest rate and fee increase. Give them nothing. Make them cut costs, increase efficiency and put customers first.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dawn Harmon
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:20:35 PM

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Title:

Name: Dawn Harmon

Email: showfer3@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 499-0105

Address:

Boonville

IN

47601

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Do NOT keep raising rates for Indiana Consumers. We do not have the same incomes as those in California and other high cost of living states and we should not be expected to pay utilities not in line with our cost of living. Billions in profits yearly is pure greed.

From: [Debbie Morgan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Morgan - Centerpoint Rate increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:00:09 PM

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The audacity of you. We have homes in two other states and our rates are no where near the rape of Centerpoint! Monopoly at its finest! NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!!!

From: [Debby Heitzman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debby Heitzman - CenterPoint Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:15:11 PM

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I am a 73 yr old senior living alone. I can barely make it now and my only income is social security. I pay my bills on time every month. I honestly can not handle an increase in my electric bill. Something has got to give. Please help us!

Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Elliott
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:53:44 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Deborah Elliott

Email: delliottq@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 479-1243

Address:

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: You wanted input from the public about the proposed CenterPoint increase. They are already the highest cost utility company in the Tri-State. Within the last few years, they have raised the gas rates and then raised the electric rates and now they wish to raise them more. At one time, utility rates were higher in Evansville than my sister and brother paid in NYC. Their rates just went up, so I don't know if that's still true. People on fixed incomes get a cost of living raise and then the utility rates go up and the food costs go up MORE than our cost of living raise. Somewhere there has to be a limit or we will just be left quite literally out in the cold here! How does KY manage it? Maybe we need THEIR utility company.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Beck
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:50:19 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Debra Beck

Email: 4dakotagale@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 306-7550

Address: 1617 Harmony Way

Evansville

IN

47720

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please help prevent another rate increase by Centerpoint in Southern Indiana/Evansville. Their high prices are hurting all residents but especially those of us on a fixed retirement income!! I keep my home on 63 degrees. My last bill was so high in spite of me conserving. Help us please!!

From: [Dee O](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dee Ozechowski - Center point hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:40:44 PM

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Hello! I'm wanting to strongly request with great sincerity to please deny CenterPoint from getting a pay hike from its customers. The Evansville community will suffer even more if the pay hike is granted. While there are a lot of well off families, there are even more who are not. It truly is a social injustice what Center Point has already done in terms of their great profit and our struggling to pay their bill

Respectfully,
Dee Ozechowski
Evansville, In 47715
812-449-3656

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Del Beverly
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:26:13 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Del Beverly

Email: d.beverly1977@gmail.com

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47713

Utilities: Centerpointes gas and electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Centerpointe rates are unfair. No one should have to make a choice between food and heat. The rates are unfair and i will not be able to afford an extra 50 monthly for new proposed rate hike. Please do not approve their request.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Denise Powell
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 7:25:25 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Denise Powell
Email: powell5389@sbcglobal.net
Phone: (812) 598-8513
Address: 7788 meadow ln
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I know we are just a small area in Indiana, but that should not give you the right to make us the highest paying in utilities in Indiana. We are voters and can make a difference. People think centerpoint is paying major contributions to governor Holcomb. Please prove me wrong! Start working for us and not the money. I will not vote for him if this goes through. Tired of what major donors get, but not the people you are working for!

From: [Josh Wuertz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deny Centerpoint Rate Increase Proposal! I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating. We already have the highest rates in the state, and this winter, ...
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:29:11 PM

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Devin
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:22:13 AM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Devin
Email: milhousedevi1983@icloud.com
Phone:
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I'm a single mother that can barely afford to survive

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deward Michael Wagner
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:30:09 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Deward Michael Wagner

Email: dmwagner69@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 568-7962

Address: 6703 Wade Park Dr

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center Point is enjoying record profits year after year while its customers struggle more and more. This rate hike they are seeking is pure greed!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Gable
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:33:43 PM

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Name: Diana Gable
Email: dianagable129@gmail.com
Phone: (806) 781-1412
Address: 3801 Gregory Drive
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I done understand why I am paying such a high electricity bill I live in a 1bedroom 690 sqarefeet and my electric was the highest bill in the complex I live in. I paid 282 dollars. And it went up almost 100 dollars from the month before. It's not fair and it's allready too high for me to be paying on a fixed income. Some residents are having to move because of this rate increase it's ridiculous

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diane Deters Krug
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 12:16:24 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Diane Deters Krug

Email: diadkru@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 853-8782

Address: 6500 Belle Rive Drive

Newburgh,

IN

47630

Utilities: Centerpoing

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My comment is regarding Centerpoint's request to raise rates. Are they kidding??? This is an ongoing request and their rates are already the highest in the state. It is not a lack of money: it is a lack of management of that money. Corporate executives are well paid and money is just a request away....or so they think. For once, why don't they be responsible and accountable for their revenue? I'd like to see a detailed record of how they are spending. This is ridiculous and a hardship on many people when there is no reason, logical, necessary reason, for another increase. Even a monopoly should have a sense of moral accountability and responsibility The situation is beyond excusable!!!!

From: [Don Swain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Don Swain - IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:04:07 AM

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Don Swain
6621 Old State Rd.
Evansville, Indiana 47710

IURC Cause No. 45990
CenterPoint Energy

You guys need to stop rubber stamping this utility company's requests to raise rates. It's insane. For 40 bucks in gas we paid 125 dollars in fees just to get it. Not to mention the ridiculous electricity rates that are the highest in the state.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald bowen
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:27:24 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Donald bowen

Email: dfbowen8509@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 459-1284

Address: 4128 aspen dr

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: Centerpiint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please di not allow rate increases we are seniors and csn not afford duch a hugh rate

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Hancock
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:11:33 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Donald Hancock

Email: donnie200625@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 204-3429

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Centerpoint should not get the rate increase. Everything is increasing except our pockets. Utilities are out of control, especially the Southwestern corner. We shoulder every cost they come up with. They brag about record profits and the CEO has a multimillion dollar salary. If you're having record years then they can shoulder the cost. They've passed the buck on to us for years, now it is their turn to absorb some cost.

From: [Doug Messamore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Messamore - Centerpoint rate hikes
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:29:52 AM

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Hello everyone,

My name is Doug Messamore. I reside in Warrick County. I would like to voice my concerns about the potential rate increase that Centerpoint is proposing. We recently moved from Spencer County to Warrick County. We moved from a 3600 square feet 4 bedroom house to a 2400 square foot 3 bedroom house. Our utility bill there was less than what we pay now. We had southern Indiana power. SIP also did not have stupid delivery charges and miscellaneous fees. Centerpoint rates are already to high. If a smaller company can do just fine with cheaper rates and great service then maybe a larger company should go to the smaller company for help! Centerpoint has a monopoly in the Evansville region. We are at the mercy of them if you want electricity or gas. These hikes would be very expensive for the middle class and almost unbearable for the average person. I have a decent job and these rates would be hard for me to afford. Please consider not allowing this hike and look into their high delivery charges and other shady charges and business practices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Doug Messamore

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily E Lillpop
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:00:55 PM

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Name: Emily E Lillpop
Email: elainelillpop@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 686-1196
Address: 2405 South Chris Drive
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: Centerpoint Energy - previously VECTREN
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: do NOT let them have a rate increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily E Lillpop
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:04:33 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Emily E Lillpop
Email: elainelillpop@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 686-1196
Address: 2405 South Chris Drive
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: CENTERPOINT
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: DO NOT let CENTERPOINT have a rate increase.
People are starving to death. If they pay their Centerpoint bill they can afford to buy food and medicine.
NO RATE INCREASE!!!!!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Emily Frakes
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:39:48 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Emily Frakes

Email: enfrakes@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 630-1011

Address: 4548 Eastwick Dr

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Electric/Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: It is absurd the fact that center point energy is raising their prices so high. Evansville area is now the 10th highest costing city in America for electric bills! That is insane!!! Please listen!!! Do not let them raise their prices even higher!!!

From: [Eric Maurer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Eric Maurer - Opposition to CenterPoint Energy's Rate Hike Proposal
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:02:36 AM

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Dear Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC),

I am writing to express my strong opposition to CenterPoint Energy's proposed rate hike. As a concerned consumer, I believe that this increase would place an undue burden on households and businesses in our community.

Key Concerns:

Magnitude of Increase: CenterPoint Energy is requesting a three-phase rate increase that would raise annual revenues by approximately \$118.8 million (16%). Such a substantial hike could significantly impact the financial stability of many residents.

Lack of Justification: The utility's request lacks sufficient justification. As consumers, we deserve transparency and clarity regarding the need for this rate adjustment. Without a compelling case, approving such an increase would be unjust.

Affordability: Our community includes vulnerable populations who may struggle to afford basic utilities. A rate hike of this magnitude could force some families to choose between essential services and other necessities.

Action Needed: I urge the OUCC to thoroughly review CenterPoint Energy's proposal and consider the impact on consumers.

Sincerely,

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Eric Maurer
7010 Greencove Ave.
Evansville, IN 47715
emaurer@gmail.com
812-499-1425

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Eric N Denton
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:49:40 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Eric N Denton

Email: end1@astound.net

Phone: (812) 457-2295

Address: 7255 Edgedale Dr

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint case 45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a residential user. I have a high efficiency all electric heat pump system in my home. I have kept my thermostat on 58 degrees the majority of the month for the bill I just received. The bill was over 300\$. The income of people in IN is not rising enough to compensate for this rate increase and it will put an undue burden on people paying mortgage payments and ever increasing property taxes. Please take these comments into consideration as our standard of living is being attacked now on multiple fronts. Thank you

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Evan Plock
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:48:00 PM

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Name: Evan Plock

Email: evankplock@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 431-7798

Address: 399 S Alvord Blvd

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I urge you to please deny CenterPoint's rate request increase. I myself come from a stable, two-income household and have struggled to pay my utility bill in the past. In my career, I have also worked with those less fortunate and/or impoverished who have struggled to pay their bills. Energy Assistance can only help so much when CenterPoint continues to raise their prices. Keeping my house at an uncomfortable temperature all through the winter in an effort to maintain a reasonable bill is absolutely ridiculous.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: FHannah Richardson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:07:54 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Hannah Richardson

Email: hannahrichardson129@gmail.com

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: No one can afford any kind of hike on any kind of bill right now. It's not our fault this billion dollar company can't stop mismanaging their own money. No one should be punished because of the stupidity of rich people. They have so much money that they will never use. The question is, why do they need more? The answer is, they don't. We all know this. I am yelling into an echo chamber. We cannot afford to live this way. People will die, or become homeless. Stop this now.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Francis L. Findley
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:01:42 PM

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Name: Francis L. Findley
Email: flfindley@sbcglobal.net
Phone:
Address:
Boonville
IN
47601
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: This is a case comment for IURC Cause No. 45990.

I am a customer of CenterPoint Energy and am against the proposed rate hike. The current rates are already among the highest in the State and raising them further will cause great hardship. CenterPoint Energy has not made a compelling case why rates should be raised again and has not taken questions in the local public forums where this has been discussed. Rates should only be raised when there is an absolute need to do so. Therefore, this request should be rejected outright and CenterPoint Energy should resubmit after they have provided a proper explanation to the community as to why the current rates are so far above benchmarks and why a further increase would be merited.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gayle Blunier
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:57:46 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Gayle Blunier

Email: gmlunier@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 483-2204

Address: 6911 Wade Park Drive

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a retired teacher, my pension is fixed and will not increase during my lifetime. An increase in my electric and gas bill will cause me to make difficult choices between necessities such as food and medicine.

Comparing rates with my friends in our neighboring towns, my utility rates are nearly double what they are charged by Duke and Win Energy.

From: [ginger_wilcox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ginger Wilcox - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:38:57 AM

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The every day working class people cannot keep up with all the right increases and all of our lives. We are struggling as it is just to buy food basic essentials or necessary, and need to be Affordable. Centerpoint May feel it is necessary, but if the customers cannot pay it and it impacts their daily lives and become affordable. This should not happen. Please do not allow them to keep racing rates and impacting peoples lives,of our children and families.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [ginger.wilcox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ginger Wilcox - STOP CENTERPOINT
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:36:29 AM

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Centerpoint cannot keep raising rates and expect its customers to survive with the inflation and the cost-of-living being so high we cannot afford to be having a rate that is unattainable by the normal person
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Glenda Love
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:12:36 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Glenda Love
Email: loveglenda138@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 453-3937
Address: 5717 high tower drive
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Our home is total electric. Our electric bill has doubled. We are senior citizens living on a limited budget.

Please consider not going through with the proposed rate increase.

Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Grace Cox
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:42:19 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Grace Cox

Email: gracecox1998@gmail.com

Phone:

Address: 909 Taversham Ave.

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: CenterPoint is trying to increase their rates by 20-24% over the next 2 years. This is already in addition to them charging 30% more than other energy providers in the state of Indiana. Evansville is not a Carmel. Most people in this area will not be able to afford this rate hike, and it will be detrimental to the local economy that.

From: [Gregory Long](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Long
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:24:52 AM

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Centerpoint has raised my electric and gas bill to outrageous amounts. On my gas bill they charged me \$166.00 delivery charges for \$33.00 dollars of gas. I have turned them over three times to BBB, and they have done nothing about it. I was on there so called budget plan last year, they charged me \$543.00 a month for a year, when my utilities are between \$250,\$300. And I'm on set income that was over half my income, no Christmas, birthdays, etc.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hannah Marie Edwards
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:06:19 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Hannah Marie Edwards
Email: hannah.edwards@ceribell.com
Phone: (812) 431-1909

Address:
Wadesville
IN
47638

Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The monthly cost of electric and gas more than doubles some months. Budgeting for Centerpoint has become impossible with the constant rate increases. My grandparents live in my in law suite. The are living on a fixed income and I have started absorbing the difference of their bills since the increases. I ask you please consider stepping in for the community

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Holly Schutz
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:01:13 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Holly Schutz

Email: calderoneh@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 459-3030

Address:

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Centerpoint energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In southern Indiana we are currently paying the highest utilities rates in the state of Indiana let alone the tri state area. For centerpoint to say it needs a rate increase is robbery. No one can afford it nor should we. They made huge profits the last quarter and some of those should be paying for the upgrades.

From: [Iman Elwan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Iman Elwan - Rate hikes
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:57:49 PM

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When I moved into my house 14 years ago my bill was never over \$100. Now it runs about \$300 plus a month. We don't turn on any lights and use flashlights and battery powered lanterns. We keep all appliances unplugged. The furnace doesn't work and that's a good thing because the gas would be nearly double what the electric rates are. I am going to end up houseless and living in my car because there is nothing left to cut out of my budget to accommodate any more increases in electricity. It is absolutely a shame that centerpoint is so out of touch with the average resident in southern Indiana. We are not even trying to live anymore at this point. We are just trying not to die. We are just barely existing as it is. If this rate increase is allowed to continue it will make more sense to just walk away from the house. The electricity is higher than my house payment. I also don't qualify for the assistance programs and we shouldn't have to depend on such programs to support an entire city. I only make 18K per year but I see people with higher incomes struggling to pay the electric bills.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Isaac Maddox
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:18:58 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Isaac Maddox
Email: isaacmaddox2013@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Electricity

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The price gouging is outrageous and sad. It is absolutely ridiculous that I live in an apartment with minimal electricity use and still end up paying a huge bill. Wish I was in an area where I had other options for electricity because you would've lost me as a customer a long time ago.

From: [Jaclyn Burton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jaclyn Costello - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:54:49 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jaclyn Costello, and I'm writing you to voice my concern on the future rate increase. I strongly disagree with centerpoint needing the money for infrastructure when they are one of the most profitable utility companies in the country and we are at their mercy. It will most definitely affect my household but I can't help but to think about my elders that are on fixed incomes and the disabled. Their pro-rate program is also not actually helpful for people on low incomes.

Thank you for your time,
Jaclyn Costello

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Nichols
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:36:46 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: James Nichols
Email: janichol@vt.edu
Phone: (812) 677-3915
Address:
Haubstadt
IN
47639

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a CenterPoint customer, I am in opposition to the requests from CenterPoint per case 45990. There is no justification for base electrical rate nor service fees to increase. Per the OUCC 2023 survey, CenterPoint is currently charging residents 30% more than the average of the 11 other electrical providers in the state.

Furthermore, this has historically been the case. Per the same survey, in 2013, CenterPoint was 49% over the average. As a final point, CenterPoint continues to overpay their executives with lucrative salaries (example, \$79.2 million in 2021) that have increased (2019-2020 122% increase, 2020-2021 89% increase). A rate increase to the residents of this community for an essential life need to maintain/further CenterPoint's profit margin is completely unwarranted.

From: [Jamie Martinez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jamie Martinez - Electric Centerpoint
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:50:44 AM

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Hi, I am on disability my increase for the year was \$40. My rent went up \$35. Insurance went up just to drive my car. I have six chronic tickborne infections insurance does not pay for these doctors!!! With supplements and compound medicines there is absolutely no more room to play with numbers. With electric going up... I can't afford to keep my health up. I do get electric assistance, but it's not enough. I try to keep my place cold and hide under blankets this is crazy.

Jamie martinez
Sent from my iPhone

From: janeperkins3524@gmail.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Perkins - CenterPoint Electric Rate Case
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:59:23 PM

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I am opposed to the Center Point energy rate hike as a customer because I feel it is an unfair rate hike adjustment that many people cannot afford and because much of the profit is not being returned to our local economic needs, but being diverted to the main company in Houston. Our local St. Vincent de Paul society has been increasingly overwhelmed by people needing help with their utility bill. Jane Perkins, Evansville, IN 47714

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Jane Wade](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Wade - Rate hike increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:17:30 AM

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The Centerpoint bills in my area, Mt. Vernon, Indiana are already too high and you want to charge more. I heard where we live is one of the highest rates in the country. People are already having difficulties paying for everything and they sure don't need to pay up to \$60 more on their bills. Maybe think about what your CEO's are making already and they probably want an increase in their salaries with this money too. Maybe they should even take a pay cut. I'm definitely against the rate hike!!

Jane Wade

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jane Webster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Webster - Centerpoint rate hikes
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:29:56 PM

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We middle class people cannot pay \$500 to \$1,000 or even more for our Centerpoint electric and gas. Families can only cut expenses so far. Centerpoint is unaware of our hardships and frankly, management does not care how much families struggle since Biden took office and destroyed the lower prices of everything that Trump put in place. I will put my thermostat on 60 in winter and 80 in summer if Centerpoint gets its request for higher rates. I will call OUCC daily.

Jane Webster
Age 80
Evansville. IN 47720
812-455-7219
2414 Leisure Lane
Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Hulfachor
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:50:20 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Janet Hulfachor

Email: jlg1013@yahoo.com

Phone:

Address:

Princeton

IN

47670

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am very concerned about the high rate increase from CenterPoint Energy bill. I am hoping that CenterPoint takes into much consideration on how much inflation has affected many of us, and that they reconsider this high increase.

Thank you.

From: [Janet Jenkins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Jenkins - SAY NO - CenterPoint Southern Indiana
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:56:38 PM

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To whom it may concern!

The increase they are asking for is an average of \$47 per month. That is \$6,815,000 the first month alone.

81,780,000 a year!!!

DO NOT approve this! Things are hard enough!

Janet Jenkins
8127460136
Boonville Indiana

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janice Jillson
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 12:23:46 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Janice Jillson

Email: jjillson@evdio.org

Phone: (812) 205-7413

Address: 8194 Shore Ct.

newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Evansville

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: CP is asking to raise prices again. Please do not allow this. I work at a church and people just can not afford their utilities anymore. We have a lot of homeless now due to this. I am also a customer and my rates already went up \$16 per 1,000 kw. Another \$50 would be devastating for people. The cost of these utilities are the highest in the state and even the country. Their profits are through the roof. Please deny the rate increase.

From: [Janna Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janna Smith - Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:11:37 PM

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I do not want a rate increase on CenterPoint bill

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Knox
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 5:28:29 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Jean Knox

Email: jeaniper@icloud.com

Phone: (612) 718-6786

Address: 902 w Rudolph Ln

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: Electricity center point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I understand we are facing significantly high rate increases over the next 2 yrs from Centerpoint. Of all the places I've lived, here is significantly higher. Is there a valid reason for this? Why are the rates so high? This is a more temperate climate than the last 2 places I've lived, but the rates here with less weather extremes are significantly higher. How do we control the rate hikes?

From: [Jeannie](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeannie Johnson - Evansville Indiana Utility Hike
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:55:02 PM

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This is an absolutely wrong choice to force this rate hike. The costs are already ridiculously too high. Maybe the CEO needs to share some of his \$37.8 million salary and come down to earth! This appears to be a monopoly. It is wrong. Centerpoint needs to STOP with the rate hikes. It affects the city of Evansville in every possible negative way. It is WRONG.

Jeannie Johnson
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Adams
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 10:22:29 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jeff Adams

Email: bigjeffadams33@msn.com

Phone:

Address: 6744 concord dr

newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Rate increase. The high rate increases by Centerpoint Energy and their monopoly of this region are ridiculous. Many families are struggling to pay their bills and/or experiencing shut-offs during winter months while the CEO lines his pockets. SOMETHING MUST be done about this!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Neyenhaus
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:21:52 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jeff Neyenhaus

Email: jeffninehouse@icloud.com

Phone: (812) 608-0043

Address: 681E County Road 1350 N

Gentryville

IN

47537

Utilities: Center point energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: They are already one of the highest electrical suppliers in the nation. Don't need them to raise their rates another 10-25% or their service fee % 114. Signed Jeff Neyenhaus

From: [Jeff Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Taylor - Centerpoint case #45990
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:14:47 PM

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In regards to the proposed rate hike by CenterPoint which is stated to be for to recover incurred costs associated with completed capital projects over the past 14 years to support safe and reliable service

According to an article from WEVV on 12/6/2023

While I do not have specific income information from the Indiana market, I found that according to macrotrends.net the company has earned a total of \$8.499 billion in net revenue over the past 14 years. This is an average of about \$607 million net income per year over the past 14 years

While I am no financial expert this does not sound like they have not recovered the cost of their capital projects.

Please consider the financial impact their proposed rate hike will have on their customers, especially families, the poor and elderly who have no choice, but to use their services.

These comments are on my behalf.

Jeff Taylor

Evansville, IN 47711

Jtf.taylor3@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey Berry
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:44:47 AM

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Title:

Name: Jeffrey Berry

Email: jeffrey.l.berry.5@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 479-6596

Address: 811 York Rd

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990 - Why do I have to live in a place that pays the highest electric bills in the state? Guess what, I don't. We're looking for a new home anywhere outside of Centerpoint's territory. Their greed and insensitivity is obnoxious. We like living in Evansville, but we're sick of being number one in the state for electric rates. Just because Centerpoint is a monopoly, they don't have to constantly act like one. How about them cutting their dividend to give users a break? I really don't think they or anyone in Indy gives a hoot about us. It's maddening!

From: j.sorrell
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jenifer Sorrell - CenterPoint Evansville IN
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:26:46 AM

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Please protect your constitutes and stop CenterPoint from slowly draining us. It is insane that a utility company can have stock holders and "make money" off of the consumers that have absolutely no say in closing the product. If I am a consumer I can chose to spend more to buy whatever product I want. That company can raise prices, and then I can choose to not purchase it. But with our utilities we have ZERO choice! How is that possible? That is the definition of monopoly! We cannot retaliate. We cannot show our dissatisfaction by switching companies. We are at their mercy and they are only interested in making more profit for their shareholders.

Please support us and do your jobs.
Sincerely,
Jenifer Sorrell
Very dissatisfied CenterPoint "customer"

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Adamski
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:14:36 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Jennifer Adamski

Email: worthmore960@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 671-7894

Address:

Evansville

IN

47710

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The increase in our service is outrageous. I am a single mother and can barely afford my bills as it is especially with the increase in food cost and other living expenses. To raise the utility rates again is not only outrageous it's inhumane

From: [Jennifer Herceg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Herceg - Center point energy
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 5:57:12 AM

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Hello,

I would like to add a comment for centerpoint energy increasing rates again. They have made profits of 6.5 billion that has increased for them yearly. They are squeezing out people that already struggle to get by to make a profit. They can exist without going under this year without yet another rate hike. I work with a lot of people that are struggling - they can't afford another increase on an already high bill. Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Herceg, MSW
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Palmer
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:59:58 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Jennifer Palmer

Email: palmerjen5322@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 459-0766

Address: 3301 Cave Avenue

Evansville

IN

47720

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I believe that Center Point should reduce their dividends and salary of those making ridiculous benefits including their CEO before they ask for any additional increases. So many in our city are on fixed incomes or living paycheck to paycheck that the current ridiculous rates force them to choose between paying their CP bill and buying food or paying rent or paying for their medications. Please stop siding with the utilities and look out for people in our community.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Roedel
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:15:12 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Jennifer Roedel
Email: jenroedel@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 499-0325
Address: 965 W Sled Circle
Santa Claus
IN
47579
Utilities: Electric- Center Point Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Disagree with the projected rate and fee increase

From: [Jeremiah Dockery](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremiah Dockery - Ban Centerpoint in Evansville
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 9:59:59 PM

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Centerpoint has an annual gross income of approximately 8 Billion dollars, that's \$32 million a day! And the CEO allegedly paid Millions a year in compensation! Not to mention the ridiculous distribution fees they camouflage each month! They should reinvest their profits back into the company as opposed to asking for a rate increase!

My family will loose there home because of these increases. I live in a trailer with the air on 69 my bill is the same amount as my rent. Say goodbye to my home. This is absolutely outrageous and centerpoint should be held accountable. Take it down.

From: [Jeremy Gasaway](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremy Gasaway - Centerpoint hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:13:20 AM

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It is ludicrous you want to raise our electric bill!! We are already paying to much as it is! Why don't you decrease it for once. We can't keep paying these high utility bills for once let us win!!

From: [Jessica Engel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica Scalfano - Centerpoint rate hikes
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 6:20:22 PM

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As a consumer of utility services from Centerpoint in the 47714 zip code, please fight additional rate hikes. Neighbors and friends are already choosing to pay their utilities versus going to the doctor or buying food.

How it is possible that we have the highest kilowatt per unit price in the United States?

This is ridiculous and allowed by our current legislation. Centerpoint and our representatives should be ashamed of themselves.

Jessica Scalfano

From: [James Volz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jim Volz - Center point rate hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:11:00 PM

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Now is not the time to take advantage of customers who already pay a premium for their service. It would be a great time for a company of this size to stream line their company.

Thanks Jim volz.
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Daniel
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:53:48 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: John Daniel
Email: jndjrevv@gmail.com
Phone: (181) 248-0917
Address: 3166 Summit Ct.
NEWBURGH
IN
47630
Utilities: Center Point
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: Re: Proposed rate increase: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Michael O'Leary
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:07:30 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: John Michael O'Leary
Email: thewordman@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 499-9859
Address:
Evansville
IN
47715
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Cause 45990

I am a customer of Centerpoint in Evansville and I am opposed to their request for a rate increase. This request is designed to serve shareholders at the expense of customers and should be denied. It jeopardizes the well-being of the entire community and props up an unsustainable business model. Thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jon Fifer
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:05:32 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jon Fifer

Email: jfifer@poscountycoop.com

Phone: (812) 568-1763

Address: 8820 Effinger Road

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I urge you to reject CenterPoint's electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. They have raised my bills several times over that last few years, and is already very high compared to most Energy companies. Now CenterPoint has asked for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

From: [Jon Rhoades](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jon Rhoades - Center point rate increase
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:04:51 PM

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According to their own reasoning part of the increase is due to diversifying into so called "green energy". Firstly, that should be considered a business risk and not forwarded to the consumers. Secondly, these technologies are not proven to be any more than a glorified social publicity stunt. Lastly, I would encourage the top brass of Center point to look to their own salaries and obscene bonuses if they need to come up with more money.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jonathan Gerbig
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:34:46 PM

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A form has been submitted for: OUCC Contact Form
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Title: Mr.

Name: Jonathan Gerbig

Email: jgerbig02@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 430-1103

Address:

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: Case # 45990 electric and gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint wanting to increase thier rates is just unacceptable. Myself and other in our area can not afford to keep paying these rates. Let alone an increase!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: joshua kilner
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 2:41:56 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: joshua kilner

Email: vwbug_man@yahoo.com

Phone:

Address:

newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Centerpoint has an annual gross income of approximately 8 Billion dollars, that's \$32 million a day!
And the CEO allegedly paid Millions a year in compensation! Not to mention the ridiculous distribution fees they camouflage each month! They should reinvest their profits back into the company as opposed to asking for a rate increase! The people of indiana are already dealing with record inflation. we just can not afford another rate increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Josie Ault
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:58:28 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Josie Ault
Email: josieault@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 598-9770
Address:
Evansville
IN
47711

Utilities: Case to raise prices

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Firstly, I believe it is wrong to increase the price on essentials. Period. People need electricity to live. We are already struggling to pay these bills at the price they currently are. A price increase would send many over the line to being unable to pay for other necessities like food. Indiana already pays one of the highest rates for utilities while having some of the lowest wages. This is unfair. I cannot find logical reasoning for these price increases. Please do right by not only your paying customers, but humans in general.

From: [Mama Bear](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joy Barrett - Centerpoint 45590
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:59:39 PM

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Dear OUCC Board:

The Department of Energy defines high energy burden as over 6% of annual income. The current Centerpoint rates in the Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County, Indiana, bring the total to just under the 6% of median income.

The proposed Centerpoint rate hike for Evansville and surrounding areas like Gibson County; however, will put us well over that amount.

Please deny the Centerpoint rate hike request on the basis of it exceeds the 6% annual income threshold and will significantly burden residents, industry, agriculture, and the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joy Barrett
Gibson County, Indiana Resident

From: [Jud Collett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jud Collett - NOT RIGHT
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:08:01 PM

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First and foremost, Centerpoint, with new service needed, makes the consumer to lay it out, pay a contractor to dig it in, run it to destination, then Centerpoint puts a few connectors on, THEN, THEN, wants to charge them per foot, which they did nothing, and then stick it to us again by charging outlandish amounts, and then wants to triple it now. COMMUNISM, RACKETEERING, STEALING, AND MARKET MANIPULATION. THE BIGGER PROBLEM HERE, IS THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWING IT. This will not make people go to solar when we have the largest reserves in this GREAT COUNTRY..

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Tapp
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:16:09 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Judy Tapp
Email: judy.tapp@yahoo.com
Phone: (270) 724-1346
Address:
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: Center Point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please deny in intentional rate increase!!!! Your faithful customers can not afford this!!!! Thank you!!

From: [Juli Collins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Juli Collins - IURC Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:28:22 PM

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I am appalled at the level of greed of this company, which already has the highest electric rates in the state of Indiana, proposing what will amount to a 22% increase for my bill. Stop them, I implore you.

Juli Collins Mount Vernon IN 47620.

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From: [Juli Collins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Juli Collins - CenterPoint Energy
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:58:47 AM

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Juli Collins Mount Vernon IN 47620.

From: [Julia Vantlin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia Vantlin - CenterPoint Proposed Rate Hike
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:28:11 PM

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I am OPPOSED to the proposed rate hike. Our area utility costs are much higher than others. It is incredibly hard to get growth in our little towns if our utility costs keep rising. IF we had another option for gas and electricity, it certainly would be a game changer. CenterPoint said they haven't raised our rates since 2009. My bills certainly have increased over the years, enough is enough!!! Please vote NO to this rate hike request.
Thank you!

From: [Julie Woolston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Woolston - Center Pointe rate increases
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:57:22 PM

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I am a resident in EvansvilleIN, and a customer of Center Pointe Energy.

We are having a very difficult time trying to pay the outrageous charges being made by Center Pointe. We already pay the highest rates in the state and probably in the nation!

Please put a stop to these rate increases and obscene delivery charges. We're being killed down here ! People are having their power turned off in the freezing cold. Why do you keep allowing this ?

This has got to stop ! People can't afford to buy food or medicine or pay their mortgages anymore. Families with children and seniors are desperate for relief!

Please put a stop to this nonsense now!

We will be retiring soon and we don't have a pension and will be on a fixed income. We will never be able to keep paying these high bills every month and afford to live. Please help !!! Tell Center Pointe no on any new rate increases!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Julie Woolston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Woolston - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:00:26 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Julie Woolston
3749 Tempsford Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin a deckard
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:35:04 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Justin a deckard

Email: jdeckard82@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 646-5194

Address:

Gentryville

IN

47537

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not allow them to increase our bills .. we already have some of the highest electric bills in the state . An extra 50-75 a month is a lot . Thanks for your time and consideration.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin Beard
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 12:42:13 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Justin Beard

Email: beard.justin88@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 205-0229

Address:

Evansville

IN

47720

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint experienced record profits in 2023 and their rates are already amongst the highest in the nation without benefit to the consumer. Centerpoint's business practices and willingness to constrict their customers for every penny, with no choice for the customer, is appalling at best.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin Lee Wilson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:45:06 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Justin Lee Wilson
Email: jwilson55.ohio@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 632-0222
Address: 9805 Clearview Drive
Haubstadt
IN
47639
Utilities: Center Point Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Stop the Electric Increase per household.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin Lee Wilson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:48:56 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Justin Lee Wilson
Email: jwilson55.ohio@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 632-0222
Address: 9805 Clearview Drive
Huabstadt
IN
47639
Utilities: Center Point Electric case number 45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case Number 45990

I am a current customer. Please stop the rate increase!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: K Weaver
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:26:59 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: K Weaver

Email: kmweaver25@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 457-9553

Address:

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Electric and Natural Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: When the utilities cost as much as the mortgage/rent, if not more, government officials have a sworn obligation to assist. You have the data, as well as the complaints. You can clearly see Indiana constituents serviced by Centerpoint are struggling. You can see (and continue to approve) overpriced rates are pushing people closer and closer to homelessness. By continuing to approve these rate increases and/or flat out ignoring calls for help, is a direct reflection of a derelict intent to serve. Do your job.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kara McDonald
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:41:47 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kara McDonald
Email: kara1983@sbcglobal.net
Phone: (812) 431-0500
Address:
Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: The rates are out of control. We need to be in line with other utility companies and not continue to raise rates.

From: [Karen H.](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Hartweck
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 3:38:28 AM

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CenterPoint Energy Rate Hike

I live in Evansville IN and am a Centerpoint customer. We already pay the highest rates in the state of Indiana. We can barely pay our utility bill now. Seniors like us, who rely on Social Security have a hard time. Please, do not grant Centerpoint this rate increase. My name is Karen Hartweck and my zip code 47725.

Thank you for taking my comments under consideration.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karli Johnson
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:02:14 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Karli Johnson
Email: ckjohnson2013@gmail.com
Phone: (830) 507-5476
Address:
Evansville
IN
47725
Utilities: CenterPoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: IURC cause no 45990

CenterPoint is taking advantage of customers and increasing prices to ridiculous amounts. It's absurd we don't have options for electric and gas and one company can monopolize and raise rates making it unaffordable to be comfortable in your own home. The cost for electric and gas in Evansville is insanely high compared to large cities and make it unappealing for those moving to the area. There is zero reason our bills are drastically increasing over time by large amounts.

From: [Karol B](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karol Bryant - Monopolization & Greed
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:25:13 PM

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Centerpoint, the company that decided to proceed with higher billing rates & service fees without nary a word to or explanation of to the community in which they service, is a company who obviously doesn't care to lose the trust and respect from that community.

Why else, would your company choose these questionable actions or tactics of horrendous price gouging without a detailed explanation of how & why these actions would be taking place.

Your clientele, in its entirety, have the basic right to see documentation itemizing and validating any and all increases in billing amounts. Otherwise, without those communications taking place as any responsible and forthright company would, this all seems like a greedy ploy cloaked in secrecy, to fleece the community they serve.

Karol Bryant
Newburgh IN

The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.
-Proverbs 28:25

From: [Kasey Krug](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kasey Krug - CenterPoint Rate Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:01:12 PM

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Please say no to the proposed increase. We are all struggling and paying more for a necessary utility is another blow. I am a single mom and also take care of my mom with dementia. Every penny counts.

Thank you,

Kasey Krug

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Ruxer
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:56:25 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kathy Ruxer
Email: kgruxer@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 686-1766
Address: 12313 E State Road 62
SAINT Meinrad
IN
47577
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Are rates are so high already you do not need to raise them

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katie Merkel
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:22:26 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Katie Merkel
Email: katie.merkel@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 202-0692
Address:
Boonville
IN
47601
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: We cannot afford another price hike. People will start leaving the state if this money hungry monopoly isn't kept in check.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katie white
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:16:02 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Katie white
Email: katie.white.yb@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 449-0340
Address: 8200 Shore Dr
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The rate hikes are unconscionable. When someone has to make the choice between heating their home and buying groceries, this has gone too far. No one else pays the exorbitant amounts that we in southern Indiana do. The ability to charge people more on warmer winter days is ridiculous. Fair pay for fair use should be applied.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelley Esche
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:39:28 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kelley Esche
Email: k_music92@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 453-8062
Address: 1901 Ford Road N
Mount Vernon
IN
47620
Utilities: Center Point Evansville Indiana

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case #45590 Center point is wanting to raise our rates again. They already have a monopoly of southern Indiana, Compared to neighboring counties we are being raped on our energy bills. Center Points needs to be shown they can't just raise our rates and still give themselves huge raise every year. It shows they don't care about their customers!!! Yes I need my electricity from them, but I need to feed my family and buy clothes for them.

I'm sadden that we don't have anywhere else to turn for energy!!

Please take the time to think of what this means to all of us in southern Indiana!!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this !!!! I'm hopeful this will help my fellow Hoosier keep the lights on

From: [Kelly Dorsey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Dorsey - Center point Rate Hike
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:50:25 AM

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Hello, please oppose this rate hike. Rates are already too high. Thank You

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelly Weiss](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Weiss - Rate increases
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:35:19 PM

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I'm sure nobody will hear or see this or even give a shit, but the energy bills we receive are absolutely insane. I am a single mom busting ass and have to work an entire 40 hour work week just to pay to have my lights on for my kids. It is absolutely insane and completely unfair. It used to not be this way. I have a small 3 bedroom home with a brand new HVAC system and I still get almost \$500 bills and many others are reporting way higher than that. WE THE PEOPLE CAN NOT AFFORD THIS! If budget cuts need to be made how bout you cut the CEO salaries?? And why are we building solar farms on our land just to send it to California or wherever the heck it goes?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ken Young
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:53:11 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Ken Young
Email: keyoung60@yahoo.com
Phone: (181) 254-9726
Address: 774 N County Road 575 W
Richland City
IN
47634
Utilities: Electric and gas
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: 76 year old on social security and small retirement owns my home. Cannot afford an increase like this.
You need to make cuts in upper management.

From: kent.baehl@gmail.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Baehl - Centerpoint 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:16:48 PM

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Dear OUCC Board:

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Sincerely,

Kent Baehl
Gibson County, Indiana Resident

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kerra Gardner
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:47:04 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Kerra Gardner
Email: kerra1075@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 802-6488
Address: 3170 Lake Drive
EVANSVILLE
IN
47711
Utilities: Electricity
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I'd rather not have anymore increases all around especially from a billion dollar company !!!!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kevin Houston
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:51:12 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Kevin Houston
Email: kvnhstn@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 604-2988
Address: 404 CROSS VALLEY CIRCLE
EVANSVILLE
IN
47710

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I do not feel that it is fair for the citizens of Evansville to have to pay for their infrastructure upgrades. The rates are already high enough. My bill has jumped more than \$60 a month already. Being that there is no other utility choice in this area, they can basically do whatever they want with the prices. Prices for everything has increased and people on fixed income such as myself do not get a big enough pay increase to help compensate for that.

The CEO has a multimillion dollar paycheck for the year, that's why they want to get the increase, so the executives can keep their pockets fat and full.

Thank you in advance.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Alexander
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:14:24 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kim Alexander
Email: kimalexander1007@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 746-2472
Address:
Evansville
IN
47714
Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: After attending the recent hearing in front of the IURC in Evansville, I am in complete agreement with our Mayor and County board of Commissioners that the recent request for a rate hike By Center Point should be denied. Our high cost of utilities here is debilitating for businesses and families and charities. With the high profits that Center Point is enjoying, there is no need to ask their customers to pay extremely high rates to pay for improvements to the plants.

From: [Kim Birkhead](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Berkhead - CenterPoint rate hike
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 6:48:56 PM

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Sent from my iPhone They just announced a 16.00 raise and now want more. I am 67 soon to be 68 and on a fixed income. How much is enough? I can not afford more. I am all electric and keep my house at 62 degrees upstairs and 64 down. I am always cold but can't afford to turn it up. Help us!!! They make a profit! Thank you. MimBirkhead
527 Wilson Sq. Evansville In. 812-457-9240

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristi Manna
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:28:46 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Kristi Manna
Email: kristimanna@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 480-7987
Address:
Evansville
IN
47715
Utilities: Centerpoint electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Regarding case 45990– please vote no on rate hike. Our rates are too high already and adding the service and distribution charges makes the bills excessive

From: [Kristy Spalding](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristy Spalding -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 2:42:21 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Kristy Spalding
916 Vanderburgh Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kristy Spalding](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristy Spalding
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:36:42 AM

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Ok so you want make Rich people more money and poor people on the streets. Look how many people on the street cause they can't afford electric . Goes any higher I will be in the streets. Just don't get it why someone needs 30 millions dollars to live . Look at our highways they are the ones that needs help. Indiana so broken in so many ways. I have 250 dollar on my bill and I called and they don't know why.
We all in Usa are suppose help each other out not kill us. You raise it so many people are going die from the cold or heat or I forgot the person making 30 millions doesn't care.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Krystal Sawyer
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 3:53:21 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Krystal Sawyer
Email: krystalwiseman44@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 618-8908
Address: 4700 Aubrey Ln
Wadesville
IN
47638

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: An electric company is a classic example of a natural monopoly. Once the gargantuan fixed costs involved with power generation and power lines is payed, each additional unit of electricity costs very little; the more units sold, the more the fixed costs can be spread, creating a reasonable price for the consumer. Above is the definition of a natural monopoly aka CenterPoint. It is clearly known that in our Tri-State area no one is paying a reasonable price for Electricity or Gas from CenterPoint. Why is it that middle class families are struggling to decide if we pay our outrageous electric bill or put food on the table for our family. How come CenterPoint can raise their rates whenever they please but we haven't had a minimum wage increase in many years. I have seen over the past few years many people moving out of the area mostly because of the outrageously high electric bills. I know this letter will go no where but something has to be said. Sincerely, a fed up working middle class woman.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lance Rahman
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:44:28 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Lance Rahman

Email: lmrahman52@gmail.com

Phone:

Address:

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I oppose Centerpoint's proposal to raise rates for the southern Indiana. Many families are already battling the impacts of inflation, and we do not need a raise on something as essential as electricity.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lara Jane Inserto
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:42:57 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Lara Jane Inserto

Email: Iraquin@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 604-1443

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: CenterPoint electric an gas charges

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Our electric bill has been increasing since the time CenterPoint become our electric company supplier in the area, having a almost \$500 bill is outrageously high . Another price hike will have most household out of electricity . Salary rate has been the same for the past 10 years with no increase at all. It needs to be regulated and addressed before families will be on the street. We even keep our thermostat at 68 even on the most coldest day ... and we only have 2 and 3 the most. We are imploring for ur help. We called CenterPoint and those that answers the call are their employees , bless their heart and I feel bad for them accepting all these calls. Hope we see changes, thank you.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Laura Stanton
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:35:25 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Laura Stanton

Email: lstanton79@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 483-4404

Address: 3510 Bronson Ln.

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please consider this rate hike with extreme interest for the people. Center point has some of the highest rates in the nation, also they operate under RECORD PROFITS! This company is not I the red, please help us !

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lauren Smith
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:13:31 AM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Lauren Smith
Email: laurensmith0322@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Evansville
IN
47712

Utilities: Gas and Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I vehemently oppose any and all rate increases by CenterPoint, a poorly run monopoly that grossly mismanages its resources. It's very unsettling that our government officials aren't doing more to protect citizens from this price gouging utility company. When they communicate publicly that they're selling us gas at-cost but yet I'm charged \$70.82 for \$11 of gas used this month after their service fees are added in, making up almost 85% of total costs, it's blatant deception. If they "need" to raise our already sky-high costs in order to provide continued services, the problem isn't customer fees but rather procedural waste, administrative bloat, and company mismanagement of resources.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lavinia Blackwell
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:49:12 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Lavinia Blackwell

Email: deblackwell51@gmail.com

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please deny this huge rate increase requested by Centerpoint Energy. I feel it effect largely the lower income customers based on present economy's conditions and its relatively short time frame of implementation.

Thank you!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lawrence F Goebel
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:46:34 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Lawrence(Larry) F Goebel

Email: countryclassic@aol.com

Phone: (812) 985-2528

Address: 3300 Conservation Dr.

Evansville

IN

47712

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: They are saying they need the rate increase to upgrade their infrastructure. They have used this dodge almost every time they want a rate increase, most companies have to maintain their infrastructure 7/24 or they go out of business how many salary increases and bonuses have the CEO and all the vice Presidents had in the past years because of these rate increases. The upper tier of center point just takes away from the bottom line of the company they do not add any income except thru their rate increases they write up and get. They have almost increased their rates by 50% in the past 15 years. IT IS TIME THEY ARE STOPPED The U. S. Postal Service has a monopoly on first class mail and by law can not make a profit why are they allowed to make a ridiculous amount of profit with their monopoly?

From: [Lea Mccrarey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lea Mccrarey - Centerpoint Rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:38:14 PM

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My name is Lea M

I live in Evansville indiana

I work at a retail store that accepts utility payments...there are so many customers that are living paycheck to paycheck..they have to make decisions as to whether or not pay utility bill, rent or eat for the month!

They can not afford these rate hikes!

A constant I hear all the time is " sigeco used to care about customers....centerpoint does not!"

Please reconsider hikes!!

Thank you

From: [Leesa Kuhn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leesa Kuhn - Centerpoint rate hikes
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:25:45 AM

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I live in Evansville Indiana and am appalled by the monopoly Centerpoint has held in my city. When my monthly bill exceeds my home mortgage (\$600 for last month's bill) there is something desperately wrong. I maintain a constant 64* in my house. I cannot afford to go any higher. When my grandkids come I have to tell my son to be sure to dress them warmly. I am a retired teacher and live on a fixed income. This corporate greed is making my life so much harder to live. Something has to be done to stop this.

Leesa Kuhn
213 Washington Ave
Evansville

Sent from my iPhone

From: lydia5295@yahoo.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Martin - Rate
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:49:59 PM

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I wanted to write to voice my objection to the proposed rate hikes. Many people are struggling to pay for basic needs with prices rising steadily over the past few years. Wages have not kept up with inflation. Your prices are already much higher than any other electric company in the tristate. I suggest you prioritize your spending and restructure or do whatever is necessary to not raise electricity prices again as the rest of us do to stay within our budgets.

Sincerely, Linda Martin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [linda martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Martin - Rate hikes
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:40:06 AM

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Sent from my iPhone social security retirement checks no way can keep
Up with utilities rate hikes. When there is a ss raise insurance raises eat up the raise! People in this area cannot afford utilities the way it is ! Find other solutions

From: lisaburkett16@gmail.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Burkett - Cause number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:57:50 AM

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Sent from my iPhone voting no on increase !

From: [Lisa Parker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Parker - Rate increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:35:52 AM

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I am a single widowed retiree who worked in healthcare for over 40 years. The cost of heating/cooling my home has gotten to be a much larger share of my monthly income. I'm more fortunate than many who worked only at minimum wage jobs their whole life, but it's a strain on my finances and I can't imagine how it is for them. We already pay some of the highest rates in the country. I do not believe CenterPoint needs this rate hike and I protest another increase.

Sincerely,
Lisa Parker
Evansville, IN
Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Logan Lovell
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:04:10 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Logan Lovell

Email: Logan.blovell@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 963-3117

Address:

Wadesville

IN

47638

Utilities: Centerpoint Electricity

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We already pay absolutely ridiculous amounts to this monopoly and the people here are fed up and desperate, if you approve yet another rate hike then you will be killing people

This summer will see vicious record highs and these rate hikes will price many out of being able to cool their homes
Their blood will be on your hands if you approve this.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Salma
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 6:01:18 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Lori Salma

Email: lori.salma@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 550-0455

Address: 1431 Green Meadow Rd

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am deeply concerned and opposed to the proposed rate hike for Centerpoint customers, including me. We have the highest rates in the state already. Centerpoint can do better than simply raising rates for customers who have no choice to go elsewhere.

From: maggie_gustafson@yahoo.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maggie Gustafson - Centerpoint Energy proposed rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:41:45 AM

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To the decision makers:

I implore you to vote 'no' on the centerpoint rate hike proposal.

Centerpoint charges more than any other energy provider in the area yet they shut down the power plants, forcing us to buy energy off the grid, making it even more expensive. We have no other options. There is no competition. This is not a good choice for the citizens of southern Indiana!

Thank you,

Maggie Gustafson

4920 N 4th Ave

Evansville, IN 47710

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [skip angel / Jeremiah songs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:45:57 AM

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We will be moving away from center point. Company more concerned about shareholders than serving community

From: mbrclark=prodigy.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marc Clark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marc Clark - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:10:20 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Marc Clark
3548 FORESTDALE DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8099

From: [Marcy Vinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcy Vinson - Fwd: Center point Rate hike Request
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:17:10 PM

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>> I believe that the southern Indiana people deserve better than to be held hostage by the monopoly CenterPoint energy has in this area.

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>> I cannot believe how much we pay for our energy - Texas allows their citizens to pick their energy provider once a year - therefore keeping pricing competitive. We of course, don't have that option.

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>> Many people are on fixed incomes and can't afford these increases. I myself, received a bill for \$620.00 this month - and we only had a little over a week of the really cold weather. My thermostat is never set higher than 68. Guess I'm going to set it to 60 at night to keep the price down.

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>> We need your help. We already pay some of the highest rates in the country. Please do not approve this increase request.

>>

>> Marcy Vinson

>> 5311 Sleepy Hollow Rd

>> Newburgh, IN. 47630

>>

>> 812-204-8883

>> Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marguerite Henry
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:40:10 PM

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Title:

Name: Marguerite Henry

Email: superbigdawgs@aol.com

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The rate increase requested by CenterPoint should be denied. Despite record profits, CenterPoint continues receiving every rate increase they ask for while customers are experiencing the highest gas and electric bills in the state. Time to say NO!

From: [MARIA FARNLEY](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maria Farnley - CenterPoint Energy Costs
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:13:56 AM

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Indiana needs to step up and control this. It is a ridiculous monopoly. Compare to other companies and it's no where close on price.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: mark duzan
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:23:21 AM

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Title:
Name: mark duzan
Email: bjduzan24@hotmail.com
Phone: (812) 698-1295
Address: 319150s
washington
IN
47501
Utilities: gas
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: it's to high

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Harpenau
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:36:47 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Mark Harpenau

Email: msharpenau@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 686-7202

Address:

Santa Claus

IN

47579

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Electric bills are the highest in Indiana now. A rate increase will put us and a lot of others in a financial bind. Please try to stop this increase. We are on a fixed income. But others are also struggling to pay their electric bill already. Thank You

From: [Mark White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark White - CenterPoint Energy Evansville
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 4:03:21 PM

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My name is Mark White and I am a Centerpoint customer in Evansville.

Since buying Vectren, my bills have steadily increased to the point of being ridiculous. Any other industry that needs to upgrade their infrastructure does so in ways other than raising rates. This increase is going to put people in a situation of skimping on healthcare, groceries and OTHER essential items just to keep their utilities.

This is a primary reason I hope to soon leave the state of Indiana for more reasonable utility rates, among other things. The rates in SW Indiana coupled with property taxes are forcing people who can afford it...to move out of state.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marsha A York
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:47:42 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Marsha A York

Email: marshaa.york@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 604-8680

Address: 812 Stewart Avenue

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please do not continue to raise the rates!!! Some of us can barely afford to live here. I have lived here for 20 years and these rates are outrageous! If the rates continue to be like this, many people including myself are going to have to move out of state to be able to live. Not only is this extremely sad for many, it's wrong of Centerpoint to be making millions off of people struggling to survive.

From: [mary delong](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Delong - Centerpoint rates
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:48:50 AM

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I am opposed to any more rate increases. This has to stop my bills have been equal to half or sometimes over half of my income. When will it end ?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Etta Kripps
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:37:55 AM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Mary Etta Kripps
Email: mkripps2@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 431-9863
Address: 607 S. Rosenberger Ave.
Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: Home
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: I am against utility bills being raised by Center Point Energy. They need to leave Evansville Indiana because all they're doing is robbing the residence.

From: [Mary Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Johnson - Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:30:34 PM

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Johnson
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:55:02 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Mary Johnson
Email: spiel_flask0r@icloud.com
Phone: (812) 483-0826
Address:
Wadesville
IN
47638
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I am a customer I am a senior citizen and cannot afford a rate increase My granddaughter may be moving to KY where the rate is cheaper and I don't want her to move her family so far away We are already paying the highest rates Please don't raise them

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Kranpitz
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:33:53 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Mary Kranpitz

Email: mlkranpitz@yahoo.com

Phone: (606) 324-9442

Address: 504 Runnymede Ave

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Residents of Evansville pay on average 11% more than any other Indiana residents for utilities.

None of the board members are from Evansville, yet they are voting on the economic future of our residents. They have consistently voted in favor of outrageous rate increases for an out of State company that has seen record profits paid for by Evansville residents. I implore you to use common sense and stop rewarding their out of control spending at our expense.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matthew C Brown
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 5:54:55 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Matthew C Brown

Email: bnewburgh@aol.com

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I do not agree that CP should receive approval for rate hike. Using average rates across the nation, and factoring in cost of living, we are already OVER paying as it is. Also, the consumer should not be charged for "projects" or "upgrades" for a publicly traded company! These should fall under maintenance on internal balances. This is poor fiscal decision making on CPs part, and a bad judgement call to approve the hike and pass the buck.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matthew killian
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 12:45:45 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Matthew killian

Email: mattkillian247@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 480-1003

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please reject the next rate increase they are wanting. We already have the highest rates in the state by far and they just want to charge more. People can't even pay their bill and their customer service is horrible

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melinda J. Mitchell
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:20:57 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Melinda J. Mitchell

Email: melindajoy101@aol.com

Phone: (812) 629-7130

Address: 101 Yorkshire Dr

Newburgh

IN

47630-1033

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: The extra service fees are making it impossible for me to keep up. I'm on SSI and I bring in a little over 800 per month. My last bill was just under 300. We need to have a choice. It's wrong that you are allowed CP to have so much power. Look at all the billions in profit last year they made. It's wrong they are asking for more

From: [Melinda Remley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melinda Remley - Rate hike comments
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:37:03 PM

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As a citizen of Evansville, I ask you to deny any rate increases for homeowners.

Thank you
Melinda Remley
4312 Stringtown Rd
47711

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melinda Ward
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 4:35:57 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Melinda Ward
Email: melinda.allen23@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 660-0057
Address: 5271 Old Plank Rd N
New Harmony
IN
47731
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I cannot believe my bill doubled with just those few days of bad weather. We put plastic on every window ,ran our wood stove as well! Stop these rate hikes please!!

From: [M Backes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melissa Backes - Another CenterPoint rate increase
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 3:41:02 PM

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Hello,

I am reaching out, regarding the recent CenterPoint Energy rate increase request. I am asking that you deny this request. Since CPE took over from Vectren, we have had numerous increases on our bills. We have no other recourse, but to plead our case to you, as this is a monopoly for our gas/ electric services. Unfortunately, we have no other choice. Many are struggling with their monthly bills already and CPE asking for an increase is merciless.

I'm asking this request by CenterPoint Energy be denied.

Thank you,
Melissa Backes

Sent from my iPhone

From: [M Backes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melissa Backes - Please Reject CenterPoint rate hike!!!!!!
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:10:56 PM

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This company just keep raising our rates with no regard on how it impacts their customers. Evansville residents are already stretched thin enough! You need to listen to us and not give in to this monopolizing company. Not sure if there is a conflict of interest in the people that represent us, but do the right thing and reject their constant increase requests.

Thank you,
Melissa Backes

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Craig Carlisle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melvin C. Carlisle - Center Point Energy rate hike
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:17:37 PM

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Melvin C. Carlisle
Mount Vernon, IN
tertiary47620@yahoo.com
Center Point Energy customer
Cause 43406, 44909
My comments as follows:

\$0.18/kWh to \$0.25/kWh is a 38.9% increase in rates. CPE customers should not have to be accountable for the inept management of resources. I understand it is a natural monopoly. A guaranteed profit promotes cronyism leading to the best decision makers not acquiring the leadership positions to make the company economically responsible.

I denounce this rate increase.

Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Eric White
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:01:40 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Michael Eric White
Email: mikewhite0215@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 453-5171
Address: 8200 shore drive
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: 45990
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I oppose the rate increase.

From: [MICHAEL KINCHELOE](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael R Kincheloe - Evansville proposed rate hike, from Center Point Energy
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:13:14 AM

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Hello, I urge you to turn down Center Points , proposed rate increases for Evansville, In. Also urge you to turn down any type of increases by Center Point, in the next few years, until we are inline, with the rest of the Midwest areas rates. We are the highest in Indiana now, and much higher than surrounding regions. I'm on a fixed income, retired, and my utility has skyrocketed in the past 4 years. Center Point is a bad utility company, please don't reward them, with a raise. Thank You!!

Michael R Kincheloe age 71
2851 Wayside Dr.
Evansville, In. 47711

From: [Mallory Hertel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael R Kincheloe - Center Point rate increase proposal
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:17:36 AM

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The audacity of CenterPoint to entertain a rate increase, regardless of how long it has been since their last base rate increase, is insulting. Their rates are out of line as is. People must choose between basic necessities in part because of their radical pricing. They should be ashamed of themselves. I can afford my CenterPoint bill and yet it impacts my life to the point of making financial choices regularly.

Please do not pass the rate increase. Until their pricing is in line with others, it shouldn't even be taken into consideration. More mentality cripples those around you.

Sincerely,
Mallory Hertel
Lifelong Evansville resident

From: [Michael Winternheimer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael W Winternheimer - Comments on proposed rate hike.
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:32:18 PM

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Good Afternoon: Thank you for hearing my comments on the CenterPoint proposed rate hike, My Wife and I are nearing retirement age one of which is on Disability, we have a Grand Daughter who lives at our home as well. We barely can make it now on the living we make currently. We strongly oppose this potential rate hike , it will bring much hardship to my and many other families and businesses . Please, "NO" on Rate Hike !

Thank you

Michael W Winternheimer

From: [Michelle Blum](#)
To: act.citact.org/clekqnuccinfo@oucc.in.gov
Cc: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Blum - Center point rate increase
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:21:49 AM

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I am writing to oppose the Center point rate increase. Our rates are already incredibly high in this area and raising the rates would continue to put stress on families and their households.

I'm asking that they do not approve to raise Center points rates!!

Sincerely

Michelle Blum

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Cronin
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:18:35 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Michelle Cronin
Email: m831972@yahoo.com
Phone:
Address:
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: Gas/electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: No

From: [Mike Deeg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Deeg - Center Point Rate Hike
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:18:05 PM

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My name is Mike D. and I live in Evansville, IN, in the 47720 zip code area. I am deeply troubled how when Center Point acquired Vectren, one man (the head of Vectren at the time) was paid \$34,000,000.00 as his departing "gift" and yet they need to rise rates and many people can't afford the current rates. Center Point customers have to fund those kind of things and it's inexcusable. Thanks for listening,
Mike

From: [micheal Feagley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Feagley - CenterPoint rate increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:00:47 PM

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For the record I'll keep this short and sweet. I am a social security recipient and this increase will put me in an economical dilemma of food or medication. Please decrease the request by at least 75%.

Thank you,
Mike Feagley

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Fleeger
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:18:25 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Mike Fleeger
Email: bodysolid1954@aol.com
Phone:
Address:
Evansville
IN
47720
Utilities: Center Point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Stop the constant rate increases to pad the CEO s of this company period.

From: [MT Slater](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Slater
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:32:09 PM

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The Center Point rate increase will be devastating to my wife and I. We are on a fixed income. Both of us are disabled, and money is very tight. I am currently waiting for a determination from the Veterans Administration. So who knows how long that is going to take. We pay the highest rate for energy in the state of Indiana, enough is enough! I completely oppose their proposal for ANY increase in our energy bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Mike Slater USN 1988-1992. Desert Shield/Storm.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Misty Bryant
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:50:06 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Misty Bryant
Email: mistybryant2@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 760-0401
Address: 8440 Poplar Dr
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case 45990: my family of three reside in a 1800 sq home. The ciurrent gas bill is \$38 dollars, but the distribution and service charges are \$114. Make it make sense. How can theses fees be 4 times as much as my actual usage fee. Being a family on a budget like most Americans Centerpoint is taking in the money from hard working people and we have no recourse. These rate increases are extremely excessive and Centerpoint needs to be held accountable.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Misty Rogers
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:02:46 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Misty Rogers
Email: pharrmi@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Mount Vernon
IN
47620
Utilities: Electric & Gas
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: We are already In the top five for highest paying bills in the United States! How much more does the CEO need to make. Last time I check millions is enough.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mona Gunn
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 1:10:29 AM

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Title:
Name: Mona Gunn
Email: monaprechtelgunn@live.com
Phone: (812) 630-9235
Address: 8253 E State Rd 62
Ferdinand
IN
47532
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: VOTE NO TO RATE INCREASE.
electricity is too expensive as it is

From: [Nancy Davila](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Davila - Centerpoint energy price increase , case 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:56:10 PM

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I am opposed to the price increase by Centerpoint. - My name is Nancy Davila, address 60 S. Celestine Road S. Schnellville, IN 47580 , Dubois County

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Natalie banhorn
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:04:36 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Natalie banhorn

Email: ndvanhorn@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 449-4452

Address:

Rockport

IN

47635

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: What is going on with the proposed rate hikes. We have to decide between food and electricity after shutting things off our electricity bill as almost doubled. We live a fixed income. Raising 2 grandchildren with no state help. We need help to stop the rate hikes and investigate the reason our bills go up when we shut things down.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Natalie Sandefur
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:14:30 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Natalie Sandefur
Email: nataliesandefur11@gmail.com
Phone:
Address:
Evansville
IN
47725

Utilities: Center point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: It is completely outrageous and makes me sick to think you need to raise the cost. We already have one of the highest cost and it is for absolutely no reason other than greed! This needs to stop! You should look into lowering the costs and do the right thing instead of the greedy thing! How do you expect people to continue to pay these outrageous bills!!!

From: [Natalie Vanhorn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Natalie Vanhorn - Centerpoint rates
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:41:30 PM

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We disagree with centerpoint wanting to raise their rates. With the volume of people that are having absurd electric bills now the people need to be heard.

We are an elderly couple raising 2 grandchildren and our electric bill has raised over 100.00 in one month. The service charges are ridiculous. Last month we used right around \$32.00 worth of gas and we were charged over \$117.00 distribution fees. Would you add up that distribution fee times each person Centerpoint services? That is robbery.

People are having to choose between grocery and heat and medicine already. Now centerpoint is wanting absurd rate increases that will put further hardship on people

Please help the people trying to make a life. A multimillion dollar corporation as centerpoint is doing harm to consumers.

Natalie Vanhorn

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Natasha S Burke
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:21:36 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Natasha S Burke
Email: tashieburke@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 456-8179
Address: 8200 shore drive
Newburgh
IN
47630
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: I would like to file a complaint.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nathan Willis
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 5:41:04 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Nathan Willis
Email: nawillis@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 604-4111
Address: 4462 Martha ct
Newburgh
IN
47630

Utilities: Centerpoint rate increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not approve the center point rate increase request. The poor folks in southern Indiana are already feeling the pain if Centerpoints monopoly. I do ask that if this increase is approved, centerpoint should be forced to increase their ECG rates accordingly. It's bad enough that net metering was replaced with edg so it's only fair to force them to increase EDG as well. I'm sure this won't even be read but I had to say something. Many are on the brink of poverty ready with centerpoints rates, don't allow for more bloodshed.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas Bockhorst
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:59:27 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Nicholas Bockhorst
Email: nifibock@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 484-9194
Address: 216 Welworth Ave.

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause No. 45990

We have the highest gas and electric rates in Indiana. I disagree that Centerpoint needs to raise our electric rates. In addition, Centerpoint has been charging a service fee which varies by month for electric. The utility ought to search for other ways to raise revenues or cut costs.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas Bockhorst
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:30:34 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Nicholas Bockhorst
Email: nifibock@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 484-9194
Address: 216 Welworth Ave.
Evansville
IN
47714
Utilities: Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company DBA CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case: 45990
I would like to voice my opposition to CenterPoint Energy's rate increase.
Thank you,
Nick Bockhorst

From: [Nickole Hale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nickole Hale - Case 45990
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 1:52:40 PM

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Please do not allow Centerpoint energy to raise customer rate. Their profits have gone up 102% over the past few years. They are making over \$1.1 billion in profits and their CEO is making \$13 million each year. Perhaps this is why the CEO and shareholders do not see the true harm that this rate increase will cause to already struggling customers. Please do not allow the rich shareholders to get richer while causing customers to have to choose to pay their electric bill or purchase necessary medications or have money for transportation and food. This unnecessary increase is harmful to our community and should not be allowed. They should use the profits they make to reinvest in their infrastructure. Yes, that would mean less "profit" but isn't it also part of an appropriate budget to build in these costs before claiming these earnings as additional profits. Let's appropriate funds from the current earnings more appropriately to pay for the costs of the infrastructure prevent an unnecessary raise in cost to customers.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pam Nurrenbern
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:40:45 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Pam Nurrenbern

Email: nurrenbernp@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 550-2270

Address: 5417 Great Lakes Dr

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Electric bill hike

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: That is ridiculous, I have paid my electric bill ever since I was 18 years of age. Never been late. They (big Corp) forget we didn't make the money my children do. Things need to change.

Pam Nurrenbern
5417 Great Lakes Dr
Evansville

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Bailey
Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 9:53:17 AM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Pamela Bailey
Email: pjb6218rpc@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 454-6596
Address: 3425 Manhattan Blvd

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Our CenterPoint rates are the highest. To keep letting them raise our rates in Southern Indiana is just not right. They should be saving the millions spent on advertising each year to cover their expenses.

From: [Pam Redman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Redman - Stop Centerpoint rate hikes
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:22:48 PM

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Pamela Redman

From: [Patricia Dean](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Dean - Rates Indiana
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 11:57:58 AM

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Highest rates in Indiana already Center Point.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Hanaway
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:02:29 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Patricia Hanaway

Email: trisha4christ65@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 489-3976

Address: 518 Pearl Street apt 2

Rockport

IN

47635

Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I live on SSI and I get assistance from LHDC and, since I have received the help Centerpoint has been raising my bills. Seems fishy because they raise as t

Hough to get my assistance. Ugh I never had problems with my bills when Vectren was my energy company.

Please help.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Nance
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:30:19 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Patricia Nance

Email: spaetti@msn.com

Phone: (812) 319-5244

Address: 4335 N Fulton Avenue

Evansville

IN

47710

Utilities: CenterPointe Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We are a retired couple who will be affected by the proposed rate increases by CenterPointe in Evansville. We live on a fixed income. We have already sold our home and moved into a much smaller condo due to the rising energy and water and sewer costs. We simply cannot afford more increases by CenterPointe to recover their costs, when our rates are already the highest in the state. Please do not approve these rate increases - people living on fixed incomes can't afford them!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Watson
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 6:48:35 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Patricia Watson
Email: jwatson5@tds.net
Phone: (812) 549-6319
Address: 7005 briar ridge
Wadesville
IN
47638
Utilities: Center point
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: We are very concerned about center point wanting a rate hike. This is hurting us and thousands of people in our area. We are at a breaking point

From: [Patty Schnacke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patty Schnacke - utility bills
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:15:41 PM

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Hi, I am a senior citizen with only a few more years to work. I am very concerned with my centerpoint bill going up. I do not understand why they want another price increase when we just had one. I work at a non for profit facility and am very saddened to hear my clients talking about sleeping in coats and cutting back on their groceries to feed the family in order to pay their utility bill now. It is a shame that we only have one utility company with no other choices, as Owensboro has two choices for the customers to choose from. Duke energy is an affordable utility company for the residents of Pike and Gibson counties and the customers can afford them. Please do not raise the rates again, as they are very high now. please take us in your consideration, as we are at your mercy.
thank you

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paul Rainey
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:15:40 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Paul Rainey

Email: paulkirbyman@aol.com

Phone: (812) 453-1309

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Why is that we are paying such high rates on our utilities in this area? It's hard enough for making ends meet.

I believe that we need to control these high prices on our utilities..

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phyllis Lloyd
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:36:25 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Phyllis Lloyd

Email: lloyd.p1@live.com

Phone: (181) 247-7821

Address: 738 CRESTWOOD DR E

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not approve the huge rate increase proposed by CenterPoint. Many of its customers are senior citizens on fixed incomes and those with very low paying jobs. We have just survived the Covid issues along with job and income losses associated with it. Raising the cost of energy will cause businesses to pass the increase in their bills on to their customers. This is going to cause a huge economic disaster. I have heard no urgent needs that justify this proposed rate increase. Again, please do NOT approve this increase in Centerpoint bills!

From: [R.M.M](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: R McDonald - CenterPoint 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 2:36:38 AM

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Places don't allow this rate increase. Im on a fixed income and cannot afford to heat my house. I have to keep it at 66 degrees and I freeze

R McDonald
Boonville Ind
Sent from my iPad

From: [Rae](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rae - Centerpoint Increase Comment
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 8:19:03 PM

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Hello,

It is outrageous that a company with 15.16% profit margin keeps making citizens of Evansville pay more and more for electric and gas. This company is pricing out people who live here and can barely afford to get by as it is. A lot of people who are fortunate enough to move from Evansville claim that this Centerpoint is a major reason. Possible future residents, unless financially well off will continue to be turned off from moving here.

So many people already have to limit their heat and freeze in their house during the winter just to be able to afford their bill. Even then the bills continue to be outrageous. Citizens have no choice on these charges and we are constantly trying to prevent them from occurring to no avail. Something's gotta give!!

From: [Ralph Millsaps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Cc: Senator.Becker@iga.in.gov
Subject: Ralph D Millsaps - number 43839
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:00:12 PM

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Once again Centerpoint is raising rates burdening a small number of rate payors (141,000) compared to other utilities to pay the charges. This is on top of the \$100M they have passed through utilizing charges for DSM, DSMA, RCRA, and other trackers.

Our bill per KWH has risen to 17 cents and now will rise to 20 cents.

We have ALWAYS been the most expensive electricity in Indiana, and it will remain so.

I do not expect the IURC to change this. You are lackeys to the utilities. Bought and paid for by them. Appointed by the governor. Beholden only to the utilities and not the people. You don't care that people have to decide to eat or pay the electric bill.

It is amazing that Joe Biden wants everyone electric, yet you make electric so expensive, everyone will freeze in the winter.

I hope the IURC can sleep at night.

Look at Centerpoint's last quarter and last year. You won't and you'll say that is not part of the consideration under the law for the IURC. So, look into your soul.

Ralph D Millsaps
5 River Bend Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [mary jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rate high. We are getting closer to retirement it means to us a prison sentence we have never git help no time we go to church help others as God wants us to do and now your taking away from us I wear a bibpap machine ypu know I need electricity t...
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:48:49 PM

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From: [remd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rate hike
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 4:51:00 PM

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We already pay some of the highest utility rates in Indiana and they want to raise it more?
No wonder so many people living in Evansville are leaving. It's getting to the point you can't afford to live here!

From: [Revae Houk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Revae and Phillip Houk - Proposed Rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:55:43 AM

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I don't know of anyone who can afford this proposed rate hike including but not limited to us we are on social security on a limited income! We're both diabetic with other health issues so we need our utilities. Please reconsider raising or rates ! More increases are killing us you're forcing us to chose between utilities, food or meds how is this fair !

Thank you,Revae and Phillip Houk

From: [Rhonda Short](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rhonda Short - Center point
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 2:48:24 PM

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Sent I live in mt Vernon and on a fixed income I can not afford high bills every month it higher contact me at 6183027259

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rita Folz
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4:05:34 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Rita Folz

Email: rf7326@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 401-1229

Address: 7326 KYLEE JO LANE

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47725

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Seems to me that every time they asked for an increase they are approved. Evansville pays the highest electric rates in the state. I am elderly on a fixed income and in the winter I keep my thermostat low and summer high never comfortable so I can afford the bills. Please consider what this is doing to its residents if this increase is passed.

From: [Rita Mann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rita Mann - Rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:25:39 AM

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If Centerpoint has a five year plan to slowly raise our bills, they need to make Centerpoint a Co-op. We the people are footing the bill the President of the company is raking in a very healthy paycheck. So with this being said if we are paying for it we need to be able to share in the profits of it. They (Centerpoint) had a record breaking year in profit. But yet here we are the highest utilities in the state want more. Our COLA doesn't even come close to what we're putting out. So many people I have spoke with are moving out of evansville for this very reason. I say make it a co-op or pay for it yourself.

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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Marks
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 1:20:29 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Robert Marks

Email: rmarksjr@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 858-5216

Address: 4411 Jackson Ave

Evansville

IN

47714-0829

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please deny this huge rate increase requested by Centerpoint Energy. I feel it will cause a hardship on lower income customers based on present economic conditions and its relatively short time frame of implementation. Thank you!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin G Roberts
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:28:38 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Robin G Roberts
Email: rroberts1055@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 686-8409
Address:
Richland
IN
47634
Utilities: Center point Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: No to energy rate increases!

From: [Rochelle McBride](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rochelle McBride - CenterPoint rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:54:46 PM

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I as a resident of Southern Indiana and customer of CenterPoint I greatly opposed the rate increase.
For a detailed list of why please contact me at mmcshelf@aol.com or 812-457-4186

WE THE PEOPLE!!

Rochelle McBride

From: r-reisinger74@twc.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ronald Reisinger - Hearing
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:30:15 PM

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Ronald Reisinger
Center Point Energy
Case # 45990

First thing I would like to bring up is what are these distribution and service charges for and why they are like 4 times the bill for gas or 2 to 3 times for electric??

Why is this company allow a 100% profit since the taxpayer pays for all expenses?

Why this company has no Maintenance Dept. to handle any repairs or break downs---they hire outside contractors.

Why does Center Point need an increase in rates just so they can keep paying their shareholders higher dividends than any other utility company and to pay for things that have been done in other states than here in Indiana.

Comes down to lots of Senior citizens--either have heat and do with out food.

Know that they have ask for increases before and that they will always get an increase--may not be what they ask for-but still get an increase. Why doesn't the board do what they are appointed for--help the citizens and Denine an increase.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ryan Otilie
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:23:30 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Ryan Otilie

Email: rsottilie@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 453-8950

Address:

Evansville

IN

47715

Utilities: Electric / Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint's request for another rate increase is absurd! Citizens of Evansville have no alternative than to use Centerpoint's services, which by definition could constitute a monopoly. Low and high income households alike are strangled by already high rates, and another rate increase will further the suffering of working people who are hurting with high prices for food, fuel, and basic essentials. Please do not allow this monopolistic greed to stand. Do not approve their rate hike request.

From: [Rye Eaves](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rye Eaves - center point point rate increase Evansville in
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:49:01 PM

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in reference to Evansville in getting a rate increase from center point energy. rates are high enough as they are. like the rest of the citizens in Evansville they should operate their business within their budget and not look to customers to finance their whims and undeserved executive employe bonus

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From: [redmanmtvr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: S Straw and R Straw - Rate hike
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:23:22 PM

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S Straw and R Straw
Mount Vernon IN
47620

We want the rate hike to go away. We make decent money but the amount of money we pay for our electric and gas is outrageous. WINN energy takes care of part of Northern Posey county and they aren't near as high. Two or so years ago CentrePoint raised the rates so they cannot say they haven't done that. They are a monopoly with so many politicians in their pockets. It's time we citizens fight back.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Sally Slygh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sally Slygh - Center Point rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:14:36 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I realize you are an appointed board so we cannot vote you out but at some point you should take the wellbeing of the citizens of the state into consideration. Median income in southern Indiana is roughly 47,000/yr. With inflation being at an all time high, along with rent and water we simply cannot afford another rate hike by this company!! When people have to decide between rent, medications they need and paying the utility bill there's an issue!! Seniors that have worked their entire lives are now spending their entire paycheck on the "service and delivery" charges (which as of late are double the cost of the gas or electric used) of an extremely greedy corporation!! This isn't right!! We DESPERATELY need COMPETITION in this area to break up this monopoly (which is supposed to be illegal to have). We need some room to breathe!!! How do you all sleep at night knowing that you are doing this to people??

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Samantha Schembre](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Samantha Schembre - Center point rate hike in Evansville
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:21:17 PM

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Samantha Schembre

47711

This rate hike is insane. For bills to be doubled is ridiculous. People can't afford to have electricity, it's not enough to try and conserve energy. Heat is kept at 64° and still paying over \$500

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra L Kempf
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:06:23 AM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Sandra L Kempf
Email: sandykempf1416@yahoo.com
Phone: (815) 351-1820
Address:
Evansville
IN
47710
Utilities: Distribution Fees
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry
Comments: How can I control these fees to eliminate or reduce?

From: [tom_phelps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Phelps - CenterPointe Energy Evansville IN
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:46:19 AM

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I am a consumer of CenterPointe Energy and cannot afford to pay an increase in rates as well as any of my family members. Please don't allow another rate increase. I would ask that the rates even be lowered for our community.
Sandy Phelps
mamaphelps2@gmail.com
812-319-4473

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Willett
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:45:19 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Sandy Willett
Email: poseycountyqueen@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 985-5843
Address: 1523 Sassafras Drive
Evansville
IN
47712

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I think it is terrible that CenterPoint Energy in southern Indiana is requesting ANOTHER rate increase. We pay more for gas and electric than most areas of Indiana. Our bill last month was 1/3 higher than the month before. It's getting to the point that we will need to decide if our fixed income goes for food or our energy bill. Unfortunately we do not have another energy provider in our area, so we're stuck with expensive CenterPoint gas and electric!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Prather
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:07:10 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Sara Prather
Email: sara.prather11@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 646-5206
Address:
Evansville
IN
47710
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Proposed rate increase by Centerpoint is unethical. Our community cannot afford these rates!! Highest in the state already

From: [Sara Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Wilson - Centerpoint Rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:45:17 PM

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Please deny Centerpoint's request to raise our rates in Evansville. We already pay high rates here. Many folks including me already are struggling financially.

Sara Wilson

From: [Scott Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott C Taylor - Centerpoint rate increase
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:17:38 AM

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No, no, a thousand times no!

They are bleeding us dry as it is. For once, serve the people of our state instead of your corporate sponsors and deny this increase.

Thank you,
Scott C Taylor

From: [Scott Wunderlich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott Wunderlich - Centerpoint rates and increase request
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:50:17 AM

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Please deny the rate request for an increase. Centerpoint is already has the **HIGHEST** rates in the state of Indiana and one of the highest in the country. It is horrible that my gas and electricity bill is higher than my house payment and has doubled over the past 10 years due to centerpoint raising rates. We have no avenue to change because they are a monopoly so to me they should be controlled and be required to be within 5 % of their peers in our region. Please help us here in Centerpoint area and deny the increase and require they reduce there rates closer to their peers or you could price everyone out of a home. Again my gas and electricity bill is higher than my mortgage payment that is terrible
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shane Wessel
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 3:36:36 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Shane Wessel
Email: swessel@sigeom.net
Phone: (812) 430-2504
Address: 510 SE Riverside Dr
Evansville
IN
47713

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: IURC Cause No. 45990

Not sure what else I could add that all of you have not already heard. Highest rates in the state and among the highest in the US. Unregulated delivery fees on top of it all. It's truly unbelievable that this commission rubber stamps their requests. Time and time again, the people of Evansville get kicked to the curb. Do what is right. Have the courage to vote against this increase. Show some common decency.

From: [Shannon Balthis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon B - Rate Increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:42:07 AM

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My name is Shannon B and I am from Evansville, Ins 47711. I just want to say that I oppose the utility increase, I feel it would be hindering to our town and families, Ty

From: [Shannon Barchett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Barchett - Vanderburgh county electric rates
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:40:00 PM

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Please don't allow our rates to go up! We (My husband, myself and 2 of our adult children) live in a totally electric, sectional home with new, energy efficient windows. Our last bill was \$500. We keep our heat down and wear outerwear inside. We use multiple layers of blankets in bed. I don't understand why the rates are so high for us and so low other places! We are seriously considering solar. Our bills with a loan would be nearly the same! Please don't allow our rates to go up!

With respect,
Shannon Barchett

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheila Hayden
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:18:14 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Sheila Hayden

Email: peaceout33sh@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 393-9215

Address: 12118 n co Rd 475e

Lamar

IN

47550

Utilities: Southern Indiana Power

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I'm a 71 yr old wife of a Vietnam Veteran. I like to eat. Not this month. My electric bill has went from under 200 to over 500. Why? Please stop this.

From: [Shelly Paul](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shelly Paul - Cause Number 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:10:43 AM

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Do not raise our rates. We pay enough and the CEOs get enough...stop punishing your customers!
No to raise rates!

Shelly P

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sherri Cook
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:00:05 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Sherri Cook

Email: swcook99@aol.com

Phone: (812) 853-1895

Address: 10339 Waterford Place

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I would like to oppose the proposed rate hike. All of America is struggling with increased prices of goods and services right now. NOW is not the time for a money grab!! Please pay attention-we do not need to pay out more money to line your pockets.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sherry Ann Farmer
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:23:19 PM

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Title: Ms.
Name: Sherry Ann Farmer
Email: sherryaf333@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 746-4921
Address: 2217 W. Virginia st

Evansville
IN
47712
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: The South natural gas service territory

includes nine southwestern Indiana counties formerly served by Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. (SIGECO).

Sherry farmer
812-746-4921

I'm a Centerpoint customer who is against the cost of customer gas prices raising \$9.50 per month to pay for a new gas complex. It's your business; you pay for it out of your own CEO's pocket. He/she can pay for it out of their next pay raise! This complex is a money grabbing scheme by Centerpoint...

Sherry Farmer

From: [stacy_effinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy effinger - Center point energy
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:57:36 PM

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Why does CenterPoint continuously get approved for these rate hikes? It needs to stop!
Please don't approve another rate hike.

Stacy effinger
47712

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen L. Clark
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:20:45 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Stephen L. Clark

Email: sdclark1969@att.net

Phone: (812) 937-2821

Address:

Dale

IN

47523

Utilities: Center point energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not give Center point the increase they are asking for. We live on social security and our bills are already so high that it makes it hard to be able to pay them.

From: [steve russ](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Russ - rates
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:43:08 AM

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The rate increase centerpoint is wanting is not justified. people on fixed income can not continue paying more for basic needs. deny this request.mr russ Newburgh in.
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [steven.temme](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Temme - Proposed Centerpoint Energy Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:37:44 AM

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My name is Steve Temme and live in Newburgh In 47630 and oppose the rate hike . As a retired citizen trying to maintain a reasonable standard of living not to mention paying the highest rate in the tri state I believe it is an unjust situation you are forcing on residence. I am opposed !

From: [Sue Cobb](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sue Cobb - CenterPoint
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:43:10 AM

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Cannot afford higher rate please do not raise this any higher people are on fixed income cannot afford to do this. Take this into consideration please I vote know to increase.

From: [susan diaz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Diaz - Rate increases for Evansville, IN residents by Center Point
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 4:56:11 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Please closely consider not allowing Center Point to raise it's rates for residents of Vanderburgh County. We are already paying the highest rates in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.
Susan Diaz,
Evansville, IN resident

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzanne Schweikarth
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:21:44 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Suzanne Schweikarth
Email: schweikarthsuzanne@yahoo.com
Phone:
Address:
Evansville
IN
47713
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: The proposed rate increase is such a hardship. How much of a profit do your share holders need to make?

From: [Suzanne Wallace](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzanne Wallace - rate increases
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:53:15 AM

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as a retiree on a very strict budget, i ask that you reconsider the consequences of cost hikes to those of us that will not be able to afford a \$50+ increase. i will have to do laundry by hand, unplug the fridge and live out of ice chests, not use any lighting inside/outside the house. this increase will be detrimental to myself and others in a similar situation.
please dont do that to us.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzanne Wallace
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:48:43 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Suzanne Wallace

Email: suzi_qrs@yahoo.com

Phone: (928) 632-2972

Address: 311 e elm st.

Boonville

IN

47601

Utilities: center point energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: the latest price hike will put my ever shrinking retired budget in a tailspin. i will have to unplug the fridge, do laundry by hand, unplug the tv and radio, no longer use any lighting in the house. i have resided in ca, az, nv, ut and in where energy costs are very high! i can barely keep up with utilities as it is. for the love of IN citizens i beg of you to not increase energy costs to your struggling consumers.

From: [Sydney Simon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sydney Simon - CenterPoint
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:19:35 PM

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I live in Evansville Indiana. I've lived in the same house since October 2019. From the end of 2019 - to beginning of 2023 I kept my heat at 73/74 sometimes even 75. My highest bill was around \$330. A little high, but it was freezing and again, I kept my heat high. I figured end of 2023 till current, I'd try and lower my bill by lowing the temperature in the house. I dropped it to 68/69 hoping to lower my bill. However, my bills started going up. Went from about \$180 to \$300 to now \$524! I understand there's things that causes the bill to vary, but my bills should never be close to \$500! I purposely lowered my house temperature to have lower bills, only to have them be more expensive! There is absolutely no reason anyone should have to pay ridiculously high bills! Evansville is known for having outrageously expensive bills, and it makes absolutely no sense. Something needs to be done. People can't afford these kind of bills. I know I sure can't. This is absolutely absurd and unfair! This needs to be fixed immediately. Please!

Sydney Simon

From: [Tami Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tami Smith - Utility increase...Centerpoint Energy....Evansville, IN
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 6:58:16 PM

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I would just like to know when someone in this dumbass state is going to put a cap on this thieving utility company?

You allowed them to ride into town, steal from every resident here and you keep letting it happen.

When will, whomever is suppose to represent the people of this state, grow a pair and stand up for "THE PEOPLE"

You all, disgust me. Beyond belief!!!

Tami Smith

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
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From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: tammy bryan
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 6:35:38 AM

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Name: tammy bryan
Email: mstammybryan@gmail.com
Phone: (181) 256-8546
Address: 5645 Ledgestone Dr
Evansville
IN
47711
Utilities: centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: outrageous grift on the community to raise the highest utility rates in the state THEFT! Its called THEFT!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tammy quick
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 7:57:30 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Tammy quick
Email: tammyquicj65@gmail.com
Phone: (352) 760-0096
Address:
Rockport
IN
47635
Utilities: Electric
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Our thermostat stays on 65 and last month our electric bill raised \$100 .people on fixed or low income will have it harder

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tara Bradley
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:55:13 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Tara Bradley

Email: t.arab2581@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 430-3752

Address: 4717 crown ridge ct

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47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Why are our rates higher than New York,Seattle,Orlando? I am a single mom working as a nurse. Taking care of our community members daily. Yet, I can't afford my \$700 utility bill. How is this even legal? How is this just? What happened to Indiana representing its community members?

From: [Tawana Hardison](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tawana Hardison
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 10:25:47 PM

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I am against any rate increase. We pay so much now it's ridiculous. I don't know how on earth we are supposed to make ends meet. My thermostat is set low when I'm gone and low when I sleep I turn it off if its nice, the bills are still high no matter what you do! I am truly scared for the future how much higher can they get!!??

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ted Metzger
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:34:34 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Ted Metzger
Email: tedmetzger@twc.com
Phone: (812) 897-1306
Address: 1433 Mount Gilead Rd.

Boonville
IN
47601-7802

Utilities: CenterPoint rate increase, southwestern Indiana.

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please deny CenterPoint's December 5th 2023 request for a rate increase. I believe this is a huge increase over a relative short time frame. I also believe that their statistical data they have provided to justify the increase does not truly represent the impact the average customer will incur monthly. Thank you!

From: [Teresa Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Arnold - Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:05:24 AM

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I live on fixed income and hope that we don't get another rate hike its hard enough trying to pay high bills the cost of food increase and drug prices so beg of you not to give this increase!!

Teresa Arnold
Evansville IN

From: [Teresa Blackburn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Blackburn - Centerpoint Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:50:33 PM

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Please DENY Centerpoint's Rate hike!!!!

Teresa Blackburn
4481 Bluff Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Teresa Howell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Howell
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:07:51 PM

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Now is not the best time for an increase to charge customers. With the cost of groceries skyrocketing as well as gas for automobiles and increases on home insurance and property taxes it will hit hard on our community. Especially for those who are retired and families who have single income coming in. It is already impacted families who are paying more for the delivery of gas versus the charge for the gas actually used for heating their homes. It is a shame that the city seems opposed to looking into other utility companies rather than letting Centerpoint have a monopoly on this. This is my opinion from someone hoping to retire soon.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Willis
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:15:56 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Terry Willis

Email: willidd53@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 858-5521

Address: 6500 HEMLOCK WAY

NEWBURGH

IN

47630

Utilities: Center Point Energy Cause No. 45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center point energy has the highest electricity rates in Indiana and surrounding states. I live in a house that is total electric and they want to eliminate this rate tier, however this tier was established for homes that do not have access to natural gas. I don't have access to Nat. gas and I asked for the gas lines to be extended into our neighborhood and was told I would have to pay for it and have everyone on the street to tap in for it to generate enough income to be in their interest to do that. Please do not allow that rate tier to be changed. Thereafter I had a geo-thermal system installed. Thank You Terry Willis

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thom El-Mallakh
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:02:10 AM

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Title: Dr.

Name: Thom El-Mallakh

Email: jelmallakh@outlook.com

Phone: (812) 686-5424

Address:

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Electric and Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint has among the highest rates in the nation and no competition in the area. The rates are too high for consumers to reasonably afford along with other necessities, forcing them into horrible situations such as homelessness. Centerpoint should be banned in the state of Indiana.

From: [Thomas Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas Martin - Centerpoint Energy
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:48:38 PM

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Enough is enough, we are already paying the highest rates in the state and possibly the country. Centerpoint can use some of the billions they make to cover the costs. Thomas Martin, Haubstadt, 47639
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tina Klein](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tina Klein - Rate increase
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:26:39 PM

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Tina Klein
Evansville IN 47715
812-430-0419

I do not approve the Rate Increase.
I keep my heat on 66 degrees and my bill is still high. It is higher than my sister's bill and she lives in a bigger city,
Louisville, KY
Tina Klein

From: [tom_phelps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tom Phelps - CenterPoint Energy Southern IN
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:16:30 PM

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I am asking that you vote against and not allow the rate hike Center Point is requesting as this will place a hardship on my family, neighbors and community.

Tom Phelps
phelps4215@sbcglobal.net
(812) 457-5856
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tonya Absher
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:41:10 PM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Tonya Absher
Email: tonya.absher@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 480-1411
Address: 78 W Main Street
Poseyville
IN
47633
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case #45590

While I do not have Centerpoint services I have family members and friends that do. Many of which struggle monthly on fixed incomes, working extra hours, odd jobs, just barely getting by. They are not driving new expensive vehicles. They aren't spending money on eating out at restaurants or on entertainment. When you go to their homes their refrigerators and cupboards have barely enough food. They are monitoring what setting they keep their thermostat on in the summer/winter in fear of huge bills. It's not uncommon to go to bed fully clothed, having multiple blankets and still be cold in the winter. Allowing Centerpoint to continue to raise the rates time and time again has got to stop. These people have no other options. They are having to choose between paying bills, getting food or medicine. The CEO and board members do not need the incentives that they are continuing to get when it is at the cost of breaking the community.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy L Kenney
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:22:41 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Tracy L Kenney

Email: tracykenney@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 853-2084

Address: 6700 Muirfield Ct

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I would like to protest the upcoming rate increases proposed by Center point Energy. Every time we turn around price hikes have been shoved down our throats. Enough is enough!!

From: tracy.seree.de.roch
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Seree De Roch - Centerpoint Energy rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:28:59 PM

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I am a resident of Evansville and a customer of Centerpoint and I want to lodge a complaint against the proposed rate hike for Centerpoint Energy. First of all, I can't even believe that this is even being considered due to the empty, pathetic reasoning behind it. I have only lived here a few years, but have been astounded at the cost of utilities here, especially the power utilities. Another company was here when we first moved here but since Centerpoint took over, the cost just keeps going up. I have lived in many states and cities and the utilities in this town are ridiculously expensive. We will be moving in near future and high utilities are at the top of the list of reasons. There are many many people in this town that are struggling. Centerpoint is making record profits and the supposed reasons for this hike are laughable. Someone is definitely skimming off the top big time! I can't believe that the Indiana Regulatory commission is even considering allowing this hike. Do they not do investigations with these kinds of things? It makes you wonder, is someone benefiting financially from this? This hike will break the residents who are on the edge of bankruptcy and I worry about the elderly that are on a fixed income. People will move from Evansville if this takes place, no question about it. If it is allowed, it will set a precedent and give the go ahead for this shady company to continue its highway robbery of people who are struggling to survive while it is wallowing in its own ill begotten profits... this is a chance for the regulatory commission to do something right and stop this madness. A concerned and disgusted customer.

From: [Valerie Cole](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie Cole - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:45:56 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Valerie Cole
1524 Sweetser Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: Valgaljennings@gmail.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie J - Fwd: CenterPoint rate hike
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:05:39 AM

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> Another rate hike is a slap in the face! I'm completely against this. how has CenterPoint been able to avoid anti-trust laws? I do not have an option to purchase electricity from another company. I most certainly would if I could. Wynn energy rates are much lower. CenterPoint is ridiculous!

>

> Thank you for adding me to the long list of people who oppose this rate hike!

>

> Valerie J

> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Valerie Cole](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie J Cole - Center Point rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:41:51 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing about the proposed Center Point rate hike. I am urging you to deny this request. This is urgent. I am a retired tax paying citizen and the Center Point rates are already unreasonably high and the highest in the state. I am 64 years old and I work part time but the federal government has a cap on how much I can make at this age. I am healthy now and there is a limit I can make (\$27,320) but I can make more in a few years. My social security is \$12,500 a year before taxes. Medicare will also be taken out of this in July. Part B is \$179.00 a month. I don't know what dental and prescription will cost.. In this economy I am already stressed about paying Center Point. Please stand for the citizens and not Center Point officials who are bringing home billions. Do you think they stress about paying their bill? I bet not. It truly is evil and I urge you to stop the insanity.

Thank you,
Valerie J Cole

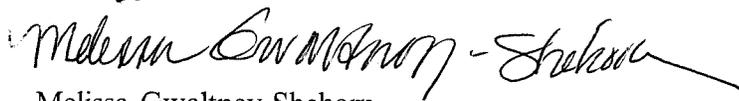
Dear Vanderburgh County Commissioners:

I am writing to protest the energy rates of Centerpoint Energy.

My husband and I have a decent income but still struggle to pay our energy bill. Last month our bill was \$507.00! Our house payment is only \$568.00. While we do have the means to pay our bill, I worry that my adult children may not be able to pay theirs on time, with the increasing cost of other utilities, food, and day care.

Please put a stop to the gouging of Centerpoint to all of us! I find it amusing that they want their customers to 'round up for share the warmth' to help others when they are charging us so much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Gwaltney-Shehorn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Melissa Gwaltney-Shehorn

812-449-8160

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vanell Volkman
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:38:29 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Vanell Volkman

Email: vkvolkman@live.com

Phone: (812) 890-4526

Address: 4732 Legacy Run

Evansville

IN

47711

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Not one person I know is not complaining about CenterPoint, but this is what happens with a monopoly. They need competition to keep their CONSTANT increases in-check. I noticed on my billing statement there is a service charge of \$10.84 automatically added, and I would like to know what that is and why there is no explanation as to what this is for. Their excuses for such high bills are the age of your house, older heating/air systems, windows, etc., but I know that people have made investments in replacing windows, replacing their current heating/air systems and after making a major investment found that their CenterPoint bill was still the same. I don't have the solution, but I know I'm very tired of CenterPoint and their reasons for raising rates are getting very old. People are struggling just to get by but I'm sure the big guy in Texas doesn't have an issue with paying his monthly bills.

From: [Chase Morton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Victoria M - Rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:21:39 PM

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My name is Victoria M. I live in Newburgh IN 47630, I think the monopoly being allowed to be ran is criminal as it is, but the price gouging has got to end. We're well aware that it probably won't because the right palms have been greased and all politics are rife with corruption- but I would be remiss if I didn't voice my opinion on this since it has closed businesses, starved families, and killed the elderly already. Centerpoint should be stopped before it turns Newburgh into a place no one can afford to live in.
Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vincent Oakley
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:26:03 AM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Vincent Oakley
Email: vinceo34@yahoo.com
Phone: (812) 568-4425
Address: 4841 Lang Rd
New Harmony
IN
47631
Utilities: Centerpoint
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Case number: 45990

I am writing to voice my opposition to Centerpoint's proposed electrical rate increase. While I understand Centerpoint has not had a rate increase since 2009, I would argue a rate increase is not needed. Centerpoint has an annual gross income of approximately 8 billion dollars (about \$32 million dollars a day). Centerpoint's CEO pay far exceeds executive pay at peer companies. Centerpoint's electric rates are already among the highest in the nation. I implore you to not further this burden on the working families and communities of Indiana. We have no choice in our electric company. Our only hope is the IURC will not allow Centerpoint to increase our electricity rates to even more exorbitant levels. We truly cannot afford this proposed 31-36% rate increase.

From: [Vonda Templeton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: vonda Templeton - Deny rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:13:20 AM

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Evansville and surrounding areas would appreciate that you deny the rate hike. We are financially drowning.

Thanks for your consideration

vonda Templeton

From: [Vonda Templeton](#)
To: [Keith Templeton](#); [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vonda Templeton -Electric bill from a monopoly
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:28:28 PM

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Two elderly folks in SW Indiana's bill went from \$200 to over \$600. Help! Stop it please. It is time for this nonsense to stop.

I saw this quote on a Facebook page, "Centerpoint has an annual gross income of approximately 8 Billion dollars, that's \$32 million a day! And the CEO allegedly paid Millions a year in compensation! Not to mention the ridiculous distribution fees they camouflage each month! They should reinvest their profits back into the company as opposed to asking for a rate increase!!"

We need competition for them. Monopoly is a game...it should not be a real life predator game. We are being eaten alive. We can't afford anymore. We need discounts. We need reimbursements. Make them pay for solar panels.

Vonda Templeton

From: [wanda.hill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wanda Hill - CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:54:45 AM

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Totally opposed to the rate increase that CenterPoint is requesting. They are the most expensive in the state. Perhaps they should look at some cost saving procedures.

Our gas and electric bill for 1/8/24 to 2/7/24 is \$453.54. The weather has not been that bad but I have been taking care of a sick husband so, therefore, we kept the temperature on 73 degrees.

I has got to be hard for families to keep up with this.....and especially retired folks.

From: [Wen Cai](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wen Cai - Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:29:50 AM

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My full name: Wen Cai

Utility name: CenterPoint Energy

Cause No. 45990

Comment:

CenterPoint has already been charging extremely unreasonable rates (ridiculously high service/delivery fee, etc., highest in the country compared to the average income level in Evansville Indiana) for their own PROFIT. This has already been putting a significant burden on people's daily lives, particularly lower income population. This has already made it almost unlivable here in Evansville IN, literally challenging the right of surviving for many people. The new rate increase should NOT be allowed in any circumstances. On the other hand, new utility companies need to be allowed to enter the Evansville/southern Indiana area to encourage competition and break monopoly.

Thank you.

Wen Cai

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wesleigh Wright
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:21:26 AM

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Title: Mrs.
Name: Wesleigh Wright
Email: wesleighwright@gmail.com
Phone: (228) 229-0693
Address: 3314 Bayard Park Drive
Evansville
IN
47714
Utilities: Power
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment
Comments: Please do not raise our rates when Evansville is already the most expensive city in regards to utilities.
This is not the time for corporate greed!

From: [William Grayson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Grayson - Electric increases
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:24:33 PM

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Hey, so I live in Southern Indiana and am a customer of CenterPoint south I greatly opposed the rate increase.

For a detailed list of why please contact me at wkg94@aol.com or 440-728-5097

WE THE PEOPLE!!

William Grayson

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William J Hemminger
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:40:21 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: William J Hemminger

Email: bh35@evansville.edu

Phone: (181) 247-6161

Address: 737 South Norman

Evansville

IN

47714

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My wife and I are retired; we live in a 1400-sq. foot home in Evansville. In 2023 my AGI was \$16,000. Last month (February) our CenterPoint bill was \$562.05; we keep the thermostat on 63 degrees at night. We cannot keep up this expense. And then I see that the CEO for CenterPoint makes over 37 MILLION dollars; we Indiana consumers pay for his home in Houston. He doesn't even pay taxes in our state. What is wrong with this picture? What is wrong with your vision that you may blithely support the decisions of a company that overpays its leaders while destroying local people?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Mallory
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:59:52 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: William Mallory

Email: bmall0@yahoo.com

Phone: (931) 303-2366

Address: 2020 St. Lucia Drive

Newburgh

IN

47630

Utilities: Center Point Energy

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Center Point has requested a rate increase for the Evansville, Indiana area. I believe the rate increase is excessive and is not warranted.

From: [Bill Muller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Muller - Comment Against Rate Increase
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:15:32 AM

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Dear OUCC Consumer Services Staff,
This is to comment against any rate increase for CenterPoint Energy.
My CenterPoint bills at my residence have consistently increased and have over the winter have been record high bills for our home.

William Muller
3720 E Mulberry St, Evansville, IN 47714
wmuller926@gamil.com

CenterPoint Energy and Yes I am one of their customers.
These comments are on my behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Willam Muller

From: [Zach Hettenbach](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zach Hettenbach - IURC Cause No. 45990 - CenterPoint Energy
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:16:24 AM

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Hello,

I'm a centerpoint energy customer, my name is zach Hettenbach and I live in Evansville, Indiana 47720. 3916 Western Ave.

Centerpoint Energy is a FOR PROFIT company, which results in EVERY Evansville citizen getting charged whatever centerpoint feels like charging(distribution and service fee charges), which are up to 300-400% upcharge. They make us pay for the expansions and for upkeep, when their record profits each year just go to give raises to employees and the CEO. Please tell me why we have a for profit company, rather than the city taking it into their own hands like Henderson, Kentucky... At least they seem to care about their citizens. We have people literally moving away from Evansville SOLEY from electric and gas charges. They make it hard on the working man to save and keep their head above water. The IURC needs to do their job and protect the people instead of the pockets of centerpoint.

Thanks,
Zach Hettenbach

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zach Neumann
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:09:39 PM

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Title: Mr.
Name: Zach Neumann
Email: ztneumann@gmail.com
Phone: (812) 401-1068
Address:
Evansville
IN
47725
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy 45990

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I ask that you really take a considerable look into this cause, and why they need to raise rates again! We the people of southwestern portion of Indiana, are already paying some of the highest energy utility bills in the entire state, this has gotten progressively worse since they took over the vectren company! This constant approval of there rate hikes by your committee is causing people to move out of this area and to other states. It might be time the federal government gets involved in this monopoly issue that this state allows to take place! This is also a reason that several businesses in this area have closed down, or been forced to scale down in size and I'm sure it also keeps some businesses from coming to this area!

From: bodysolid1954@aol.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: rate increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:10:59 AM

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your rate increase

From: [Abbie Holdorf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Abbie Holdorf - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:01:28 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

My family lives paycheck to paycheck.

My husband is in the Indiana Army National Guard and employed by INDOT; I myself work 2 part time jobs to help take care of our kids. Our two most recent utility bills were over \$400 that's just under half our monthly mortgage. It overdrafted our account again this month & that's before all bills were paid.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Abbie Holdorf
406 E Locust St
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [Alea Beckham \(aleabree@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:aleabree@yahoo.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alea Beckham - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:51:50 PM

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Dear OUCC,

The electric and gas bill is already outrageously high compared to many areas. I live in a 2 bedroom, 2 income household. We rent, and have only been able to afford more than the minimum payment ONCE in the past 18 months. We used to pay full everytime. More than 10% of my income should not have to be paid to an electric company. Do better.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ariana Campbell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ariana Campbell - This needs to end!
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 6:26:17 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I can't express enough how outrageous this proposal is. I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Ariana Campbell
2800 N Sherman St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Ashly Neal](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashly Neal - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:59:53 PM

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Regards,
Ashly Neal
2023 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: spindoc@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brian Spindler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Spindler - Don't let our high rates go even higher
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:48:20 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to push back against CenterPoint's electric spending plan included in Cause No. 45894.

CenterPoint customers are already paying more for electricity than anyone else in our state and the increased charges will make for even more struggles for older customers.

It is due to the failure to upgrade their infrastructure over time, that is resulting in these usurious price increases. What should have been a cost of doing business, is being pushed on to their customers while they rake in billions in profits.

Please closely scrutinize this request and help protect residential customers from already too-high rates.

Sincerely,

Brian Spindler
7132 E POWELL AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-4431

From: [Casey Snow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Casey Snow - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 1:27:24 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

The whole reason they are asking for these rate increases is because they Shut down 2 units at AB Brown while the new gas units are being built. The company should be paying for this not the taxpayers

Respectfully,
Casey Snow
2609 Pine Tree Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Christy Crow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christy Crow - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:02:56 PM

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Respectfully,
Christy Crow
10570 Middle Mt Vernon Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Cindy Jarrett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Jarrett - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:04:48 PM

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Our elected officials **NEED TO FIGHT FOR THE CITIZENS!! PLEASE** stand up to this company. People are already hurting enough trying to survive paying their bills.

Please **REJECT** CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Cindy Jarrett
3055 Paradise Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Cody Strom](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cody Strom - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 4:15:47 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Do the right thing. It is your job to ensure an unchecked and monopolized corporation does not take advantage of the people of Indiana and so far you have failed us. We're #13 in costs of utilities in cities over 100,000 people and #1 when adjusted for median income. That means Evansville is the worst IN THE COUNTRY for the people and the best it could be for the corporation. That is directly on you and how you voted. So, which side are you going to choose to be on from here on out? Are you on the side of the corporation and taking advantage of the people or are you on the side of making people's lives better and not enriching the already well off. It is not too late to do the right thing. The excuse that it's not black and white cannot apply here because we are at the bottom, we are the end of the spectrum. Don't make it worse for us. What skin in the game do you have to push this forward? It should be none. Be better.

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Respectfully,
Cody Strom
1312 Parrett St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Connie Almond \(engconnie@hotmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:engconnie@hotmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Almond - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:51:21 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I live on the 3rd generation homestead that was a farm and active orchard for 90 years until financial, including utilities made it almost impossible to raise fruit in southern Indiana because of our electric bill and other factors being in the city, we were forced to close. I kept the family's homestead home even put solar panels on my barn to try to supplement the high rates that center point energy as well as the ones before since 2007 are the highest in Indiana. Not only did we take a huge increase with gas, the last thing we need is to increase our electric 30% more. In all, certainly I'm about to retire in the solar panels. Was my last stitch effort to try to supplement my home and I cannot move across the river like hundreds of Evansville people are doing. They say they have not had a rate hike in 10 years. However, they have done plenty of wrestling with the net metering as well as adding cost for infrastructure that does not have to be approved.

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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From: [Connie Almond \(engconnie@hotmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:engconnie@hotmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Almond - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:29:35 PM

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From: [Darrell Damrath \(dkd1154@hotmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:dkd1154@hotmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darrell Damrath - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 5:24:57 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I can't afford a price hike everything is going up except my pay

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Debbie Albin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Albin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:32 AM

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UTTERLY RIDICULOUS AND INSANE!!!!!!!!!!

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Respectfully,
Debbie Albin
1508 Hollywood Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Deborah McBride \(mcbriedeborah9@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:mcbriedeborah9@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah McBride - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:08:13 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I live in a three room apartment in downtown Evansville. For a year my Centerpoint bill has been about \$78/month. This month it was \$169! More than twice the amount. I called to complain but it didn't do any good. I am 74 years old and support myself by a narrow margin every month. This makes me angry and feeling frustrated that nothing can be done about it. I have to have electricity. What can I do? Getting mad obviously has no effect on them.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Desirae Wedding](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Desirae Wedding - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:55:40 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Instead of going with the copy-pasted stuff of most emails you might see for this petition, I wanted to address this personally. My house is two bed, one bath. This winter, I have kept my house at 66 degrees, and cannot afford "eco friendly" anything, since I'm a cashier and live paycheck to paycheck. I pay about \$150, sometimes more, for electric and gas during winter. So, you mean to tell me, in the two-week pay period I'll be lucky to see \$700 for, I'll be giving up over \$200 of just to keep my electricity. Never mind what other bills I have, whether or not I can afford food, because I can't exactly eat if I freeze to death. And I have asthma. It gets hard to breathe above 75 degrees. My electric bill goes UP in summer because I try to keep my house at 72. So you mean to say, just to breathe comfortably, I'll have to cough up over \$300 to \$400 in the summer. For a small two-bed one-bath house. This is outrageous, and you know it. I, along with my coworkers, and everyone I know personally, CANNOT afford such a drastic increase. And Centerpoint knows it, even if they don't care. There have been people in various parts of the country FREEZE TO DEATH in their own homes. In Arizona, a woman named Stephanie Pullman died of exposure after her electricity was shut off for a debt of \$51. And this winter has been extremely cold. You want to give this company, these people, the power and authority to kill someone via "smart meters" because they feel like they deserve even MORE money? Is that what this country has come to? Pay or die? Look at this chart. If you think this is acceptable, you're mistaken. <https://www.citact.org/sites/default/files/indiana-average-monthly-electric-bills-1.png>

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Desirae Wedding
715 Tulip Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Elizabeth Scheller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Elizabeth Scheller - Please SUPPORT Hoosier utility consumers and REJECT utility trackers
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:36:47 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

All Hoosiers need utility service to stay safe and healthy. I've noticed significant increases in my electric and gas bills over the past few years. I am very concerned for those struggling to keep up, especially those forced to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities.

The General Assembly has enabled rising utility costs by passing laws that give trackers (or bill riders) to Indiana's monopoly utilities. These trackers reduce regulatory oversight and increase profits for the utilities. One huge tracker state legislators gave to monopoly utilities is the TDSIC tracker (Transmission, Distribution, and Storage Improvement Charge). Since SEA 560 passed in 2013 and HEA 1470 passed in 2019, we've seen BILLIONS of dollars worth of utility bill hikes across Indiana as a result of this egregious tracker.

Hoosiers need and deserve affordable monthly utility bills. Please reject more trackers for the electric and gas monopolies. Please work to repeal legislation like the bills I mentioned so that all Hoosier households have a fair shake in the utility ratemaking process. And please push hard to ensure that we protect public health by adopting common sense policies to insulate those struggling the most, like limiting excessive deposit and reconnection fees, and utility debt repayment plans based on customers ability to pay.

Regards,
Elizabeth Scheller
410 S Kelsey Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ellen Hegeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ellen Hegeman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 11:07:44 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

For 20 years I have been a volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Society here in Vanderburgh County. It is a Catholic charitable organization that helps the poor and underprivileged. Every week we receive about 20 requests for assistance with paying utilities, water, rent and other necessary expenses. Over the past 4 years the number we receive has been increasing. Over the same time period the number of families requesting assistance for the first time has also increased. Requests for Center Point bill assistance probably averages about 50% of our weekly requests

Thank you,
Ellen Hegeman
420 S St James Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ellen Hegeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ellen Hegeman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:24:50 PM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is outrageous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Ellen Hegeman
420 S St James Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Exavior Crowe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Exavior Crowe - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:42:04 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Exavior Crowe
8300 Chestnut Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [GERALD JONES](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: GERALD JONES - Center point excessive rate request
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:24:56 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
GERALD JONES
5511 Bayard Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Ginger Coultas \(glcoultas@gmail.com\)](mailto:glcoultas@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ginger Coultas - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:40:10 PM

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Dear OUCC,

we can barely afford rent and food please don't do this :(

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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(812) 453-7870

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From: [Gregg Grote](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregg Grote - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:47 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

If centerpoint can afford to run television ads about how great they are, they DO NOT need a rate increase.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Gregg Grote
4238 S 700 W
West Point, IN 47992

From: [Jennifer DeVault](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer DeVault - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 12:13:53 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, people in my community will be forced to make horrific decisions of where their money will go that month...rent/house payment, food, prescriptions/medical expenses, gasoline, utilities, etc. Our Centerpoint bill is not elective or something we can shop for a cheaper provider. This suggested increase is not the right thing to do and would add an undue burden that many in our community, quite frankly can not afford.

Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Jennifer DeVault
1361 Mesker Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Jeremy Buente](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremy Buente - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 12:01:09 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Jeremy Buente
500 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Jillian Harp \(jillianrharp@gmail.com\)](mailto:jillianrharp@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jillian Harp - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 5:02:32 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Evansville is a blue collar area, and we can't afford to be paying higher rates than Silicon Valley and New York City for our electricity. My Centerpoint bill was almost SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS in January, before this rate hike. My family makes less than \$100k per year. This electric bill was just shy of our monthly mortgage payment. Please compare Centerpoint's rates to the rest of the country, and don't let them to continue to subjugate our firmly middle class community with exorbitant costs on a necessary service. Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Jillian Harp
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Evansville, IN 47715
jillianrharp@gmail.com
(812) 454-2002

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From: [John Mills](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Mills - CenterPoint cause# 45990 Please do not support rate hike
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:56:11 AM

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Regards,
John Mills
2303 Mt Auburn Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [John Stinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Stinson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:19:12 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

This is what happens when protected monopolies are allowed to buy each other. They pay a premium for the purchase and have to make it up by raising rates and cutting service. Try getting them on the phone. This goes for Duke energy. Don't think we don't get the "ask for a huge increase that gets cut to the one they really wanted.

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Respectfully,
John Stinson
50 Redwood Ct
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: [John Williams \(jnwilliams@wadesvillefire.org\)](mailto:jnwilliams@wadesvillefire.org) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Williams - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:49:56 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Stop the constant increases take your money and use it wisely instead of ? oh well we will just charge the customer? stop it

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

John Williams
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(812) 568-3497

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From: [Joshua fulkerson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joshua fulkerson - Rate hike
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:01 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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Thank you,
Joshua fulkerson
4924 IN-165
Poseyville, IN 47633

From: [Julie Hodges](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Hodges - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:23:40 PM

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Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in

Cause Number 45990. The Upper Management and stockholders are the ones winning from this monthly increase. Do something else be bold and let us actually see you strip the top of income rather than seeking it from the users. As users we have no choice Centerpoint has got the market cornered we have no other alternative. This is financial rape and it is wrong. We see the stockholder reports and no of the increases that they are seeing in their pocketbooks. Those increases are coming out of the pockets of Hoosiers who cannot afford it. I don't ask for help because I worry about someone else that may need it more. I'm not gonna be able to keep thinking of others. But I should expect the president of the company the vice president of the company the CEO the CEO O the CFO and the stockholders to take a cut before you extend a \$45 increase to my monthly bill

Thank you,
Julie Hodges
329 Hunters Green
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Katherine Draughon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katherine Draughon - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:22:16 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Honestly this is ridiculous. I live in an area where Center Point is putting in a solar farm (1/2 mile from my home) and now this? Come on. Solar was supposed to bring our electric bills down.

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Katherine Draughon
8001 Gun Club Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Katherine Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katherine Moore - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:04:15 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

If I could say something to all the CenterPoint bastards, it would be this: It's really not smart to piss too many people off. It might not feel like it now, but you're risking a lot. Would you rather squeeze as much as you can out of people for a few more years and eventually go out of business, or keep raking in plenty like you have been and keep it going for a long time? People are pretty lazy, yet they're willing to come out in droves to demonstrate their anger at you about something that significantly affects their everyday lives. You might feel invincible with your current monopoly, but all good things come to an end, and they tend to end pretty abruptly when you piss too many people off. If you'd quit counting your cash for a minute and pick up a history book, you'd know that.

To you, Counselor Fine, I say this: Congratulations on generating even more Democratic voters if you side with those CenterPoint bastards.

Thank you,
Katherine Moore
1309 Lincoln Ave Apt C
Evansville, IN 47714

From: khargrave57@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kathy Hargrave](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Hargrave - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:01:19 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990. Utilities are out of control now and I have added insulation installed a new roof, windows and doors and have not seen one dollar of savings from Centerpoint .. only that is use 40% more electricity than my neighbors which is ridiculous I am a 66 year old widow who keeps my house at 67 degrees all winter please do not allow them to rape the state of indiana any further than they already have!

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Kathy Hargrave
2255 W STATE ROUTE 68
Lynnville IN, 47619-8221

From: [Keesha Fleming](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keesha Fleming - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:47:56 PM

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I had to move back to my mother's house recently due to cost of living. I had a small 900 sq ft home I was renting for 650 a month. My average centerpoint there was topping 500 a month, almost half of which was typically "gas usage fees". My centerpoint bill was almost as much as my rent and was almost double what the average bill was when I had first moved in. Every month my gas usage fees were more than my gas usage and some months more than my gas and electric usage combined. Their new poles that we're paying for are also not an improvement. Several of their new poles are already leaning. They are a monopoly for a necessity and the rates we are forced to pay are absolutely insane. They are taking in massive profits and yet we were forced to pay for "improvements" for their company instead of them using those profits to keep their business running. If electricity were not a necessity or if they had competition this would never happen. No other business would be able to keep their doors open using this business model. Not only that but their "improvements" are a one time cost for them, or at least should be once a decade or so but the fees they added to our bills to pay for them are permanent. If they want to add solar or new poles or whatever they want to "improve" their company it needs to come from their pockets, not the already bare cupboards of the people.

Another rate increase will not only affect your working class either. People can't afford to live here anymore. You will see an increase of people needing assistance from government agencies, a decrease in population as people move away which means fewer workers, the places left in Evansville will have to raise their wages in order to entice people to work for them meaning higher costs for their customers. You will see a rise in cps cases where families have their utilities cut off. You will see more empty homes that can't be rented because people

can't afford it. Something has to change and be done to lower our existing rates instead of raising them higher.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Keesha Fleming
1017 Negley Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kristina Setzekorn \(ksetzekorn@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:ksetzekorn@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristina Setzekorn - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:03:46 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Pollution caused by CenterPoint power plants diminishes our health and life expectancy. We also pay the highest energy prices of anyplace in Indiana, BEFORE this increase. Please stop these increases and require this monopoly to exercise environmental and social responsibility. Stop the rape.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

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Sincerely,

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From: [L W](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: L W - Centerpoints monopoly threatens quality of life
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 1:34:52 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

How are monopolies allowed that cause havoc on working people. I have had bills range from 130-450 with no choice but to pay them and cut essentials out somewhere else. This is a single person household under 900sq ft and still taking every energy saving measure I can yet I've still paid over 400. There is no rhyme or reason to them. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities while still **WORKING THREE JOBS**. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
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From: [Laura Hill \(laurality58@gmail.com\)](mailto:laurality58@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Laura Hill - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:02:50 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I have lived in IN, KY, TN, and FL. IN utilities have always been higher than any other utility company. There's something wrong here.

Now I am a disabled person on a fixed income that tries to pay everything every month. BUT the economy keeps trying to get me one way or the other.

This is absolutely uncalled for. Centerpoint has spent our hard earned money frivolously and it's enough to make us feel like we're never going to get anything in return.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

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- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Lisa Beckner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Beckner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:53:05 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

This community has had outrageous utility bills ALL of my life!!! Jobs in this area cannot keep up with utility rate hikes. IF you do not qualify for energy assistance, which I do not, then my budget is devastated by this enormous bill. I paid for delivery of energy than actual usage. Family in colder weather states, like Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and D.C., do not pay what I am paying for utilities!!! When does this end? Who can help us? WHY do we have one of the highest rates for energy in the U.S.? This is just sheer greed and robbery!!! I'm nearing retirement and my biggest concern isn't if I can afford health care in my old age, BUT if I can pay my utility bill. This is so outlandish!! IT appears that for years, NO ONE has listened to our complaints. WHEN DOES IT END? H-E-L-P!!!

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Lisa Beckner
516 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Logan Fehn \(loganfehn@gmail.com\)](mailto:loganfehn@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Logan Fehn - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 2:45:52 PM

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Dear OUCC,

My families electric costs more than our monthly mortgage! The monopolistic business practices of CenterPoint have put a massive burden on our quality of life. There have been periods of time where we didn't have electricity because we couldn't afford it, and other times we've had to sell personal items or assets just to pay our bill. Please put an end to this tyranny, make energy affordable!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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From: [Lori Schutz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Schutz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:11:24 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

Furthermore, why is CenterPoint not able to provide service at more moderate rates in line with other utility companies in Indiana? Have they made a compelling case to justify the current rate hike proposal?

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Lori Schutz
11309 E Pine Hill Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [marilyn ashley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: marilyn ashley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:10:44 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

We paid to fix Texas, wasn't that enough!!!! Indiana is no longer a welcoming state to live in... Think about the future... The IURC should NOT be appointed by the Governor! It should be elected by those that are directly affected the decisions made by the IURC!

Respectfully,
marilyn ashley
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Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Mary Lyn Stoll \(mlstoll@usi.edu\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:mlstoll@usi.edu)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Lyn Stoll - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:34:51 PM

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Dear OUCC,

We have already been paying for these fossil fuel dependent power options with our health and our pocketbooks. Now their shareholders have the gall to shake us down again. This is unconscionable. They knew they needed to retire fossil fuels long ago and our captured regulators let them fleece us repeatedly. I am sick of it. My gas cost was \$30 last month and the fees were \$60. It is all shakedown cost and they want more. I have a one bedroom apartment that I keep around 64 degrees in January. My partner has a 3 story home with 4 bedrooms in Ohio with desperately average utility company. His gas and electric bill last month was the same as for my one bedroom apartment. Again, I am simply being ripped off. I already cannot breath from the air pollution, have toxins in my water, and pay too much. I should not have to pay even more for the luxury of corporate goons taking my money to boost their profits even more.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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From: [Matt Madden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Madden - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:58:36 AM

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Respectfully,
Matt Madden
6427 Woodland Springs Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Mitchell Luman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mitchell Luman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:43 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

As a former Vectren stockholder I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike the electric bills in our community based on their current rate hike request. If their predecessor, Vectren, operated its business like CenterPoint operates theirs, I would have spoken up at the stockholder meeting and vehemently protested their treatment of their customers.

As a CenterPoint customer I have been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade. This would be great if it was for good intentions, but it is not. I accuse CenterPoint of acting more in the interest of its shareholders and not in the interest of its customers. There has to be a balance and I think the company should be held accountable for its many poor business choices.

I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities in Indiana.

REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mitchell Luman
1644 E Blackford Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Morgan Aldridge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Morgan Aldridge - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:29:34 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

We keep our heat very low and can not afford it now. We are facing disconnection already. I have everything covered in plastic that could possibly be covered and I have part of my house closed off and heat directed. My bill is \$400. It's a 700 Sqf 2 bedroom. Please deny them or we will be homeless because per our lease we have to have power service on. So many other people in our neighborhood are facing the same issues some already lost their power. I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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Respectfully,
Morgan Aldridge
2017 Pollack Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Nancy Gehlhausen \(naturegirl.gehlhausen@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:naturegirl.gehlhausen@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Gehlhausen - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:18:35 PM

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Dear OUCC,

We do all that we can to conserve energy and yet our energy bill continues to rise. I feel I am being taken advantage of because I have no other options. CenterPoint Energy needs to put its consumers before its massive profits.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

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From: [Noel Dokken \(n.dokken@me.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:n.dokken@me.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Noel Dokken - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:23:00 PM

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Dear OUCC,

As if we aren't burdened by out of control delivery and distribution charges even during the summer using zero therms and still charged \$20 to deliver absolutely nothing, this rate increase is greed, egregious, unethical and quite frankly wrong. What centerpoint is doing to this community is making it difficult to afford basic needs just to survive! I oppose this, our mayor opposes this, our community opposes this?do the right thing and oppose this as well.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ric Epley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ric Epley - CenterPoint Energy Corporation's Proposed Rate Increase in Southern Indiana: An Immoral and Unbearable
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:50:27 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

CenterPoint Energy Corporation's proposed rate increase in Southern Indiana has sparked significant controversy and concern among consumers. The utility company's plan to raise rates has been met with resistance due to its potential adverse impact on consumers. This essay aims to explore the immorality and the unbearable burden such a rate increase would place on consumers in Southern Indiana.

At the heart of the immorality of CenterPoint Energy's proposed rate increase lies the disproportionate burden it places on consumers, especially those with limited financial resources. By seeking to raise rates, the company risks exacerbating financial hardships for already struggling households. It is morally reprehensible for a utility company to prioritize profit margins over the well-being of its consumers, particularly when many are already facing economic challenges.

Furthermore, the lack of transparency and accountability in CenterPoint Energy's decision-making process adds to the immorality of the proposed rate increase. Consumers have voiced concerns about the company's failure to adequately justify the need for higher rates and its apparent disregard for the socioeconomic impact on the community. This lack of transparency erodes trust and further undermines the moral legitimacy of the rate hike.

For many consumers in Southern Indiana, the proposed rate increase represents an unbearable burden that could force them to make difficult choices between necessities such as food, shelter, and energy. Low-income households, in particular, are likely to be disproportionately affected, as they already allocate a significant portion of their income to utility bills. A sudden spike in energy costs could push these families further into poverty and jeopardize their health and well-being.

Moreover, the timing of the proposed rate increase is particularly problematic, given the ongoing economic challenges and uncertainties resulting from factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Many individuals and families are still recovering from financial setbacks, and an additional financial strain in the form of higher utility bills could hinder their ability to rebuild and thrive.

CenterPoint Energy Corporation's proposed rate increase in Southern Indiana is not only immoral but also imposes an unbearable burden on consumers, particularly those who are already vulnerable. The company must reconsider its decision and prioritize the welfare of its customers over short-term financial gains. Furthermore, regulatory authorities and policymakers should closely scrutinize the proposed rate hike to ensure that it is justified and in the best interest of the community. Ultimately, utility companies have a moral obligation to provide affordable and reliable energy services while upholding the principles of fairness and social responsibility.

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Thank you,
Ric Epley
8355 Heather Pl
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Robin Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Harris - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:56:33 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

WHY IS THIS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN THIS IS REDICULUS AND I AM SICK OF IT AS EVERY RESIDENT IN VANDENBERG CO I HAVE DECIDED TO JUST FREAKING MOVE OUT OF EVANSVILLE INDIANA BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO SURVIVE SHAME ON EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT IS INVOLVED IN THIS HIKE AND EVERY HIKE ITS BULL SH**one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Robin Harris
502 S Bedford Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Robin Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Harris - So DONE WITH THIS COMPANY
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:01:25 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I AM SO BEYOND MAD OVER THIS I'VE LIVED AT MY HOME FOR 5 YEARS AND NEVER HAVE I HAD A BILL OVER 300 A MONTH TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 2024 I RECEIVED A A SHUT OF 17.00 AS WELL AS CURRENT CHARGES WAS 600.00 WAIT WHAT WHAT THE H... IS GOING ON I REFUSE TO PAY IT IT HAS ALREADY COST THE REMOVAL OF MY CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY SAID I WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THERE NEEDS WHY BECAUSE OF THESE PEOPLE COMPANY RATES NO I AM DONE WITH IT ALREADY BEEN WITH OUT WATER FOR A YEAR THEY TOOK MY 2 CHILDERN THERE IS ONLY MYSELF AND MY ELDEST SONE AND OUR CATS WE ARE BOTH DISABLED CAN'T WASH CLOTHS WASH DISHES FLUSH STOOL TAKE A BATH NO HOT WATER OK AND THEY SAID MY BILL HAS DOUBLED SINCE JANUARY OF 2023 NOW HOW IN GODS NAME DID THEY COME UP WITH THIS SHIT IF ANYTHING MY BILL SHOULD BE ALMOST NOTHING I AM SICK OF ACCEPTING THERE CRAP !!! hould ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Thank you,
Robin Harris
505 S Bedford Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Robin Schuetter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Schuetter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:35:48 PM

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Thank you,
Robin Schuetter
2208 W Virginia St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Shanna Kelly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shanna Kelly - Please help the people
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:32:34 PM

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Regards,
Shanna Kelly
15301 Shakespeare Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Skyler Ford \(skgford1326@gmail.com\)](mailto:skgford1326@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Skyler Ford - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:23:23 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I am a widowed father and that type of increase it a lot of money for a single income family.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

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skgford1326@gmail.com
(812) 204-4540

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From: [Stacy EFFINGER](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy EFFINGER - Just say no to centerpoint
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 2:09:04 PM

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Regards,
Stacy EFFINGER
3325 Edgewood Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Steve Strait](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Strait - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:40:19 PM

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Thank you,
Steve Strait
7422 Capri Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [SUSAN COOPER](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: SUSAN COOPER - Advocate for captive consumers
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:14:32 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990.

I attended part of the hearing in Evansville on Thursday I was encouraged by how many people came out. I was impressed by the speakers I heard and I was struck by the obvious abuse that Centerpoint has heaped on our community. Yes, it is ABUSIVE. We are captive consumers and our only recourse is to plead for you, the URC to do exactly what you're supposed to do and ADVOCATE for US. I understand that you as individuals may not be responsible for how we got to this point, and I understand that our elected officials are complicit in allowing Centerpoint to make billions on the backs of poor and working class Hoosiers, but expect this board to take action on our behalf at this time.

I could speak about why I despise this company - how they are wreaking havoc on the environment, stealing the solar power being produced on my roof on equipment we paid for, cutting down trees like it's their job and ruining my sister in laws back yard in the process. There isn't space enough to tell you how our air quality has been impacted by the utility companies - how many COPD patients I've worked with, how many air quality alert days I keep my grandchildren indoors and suffer with headaches, and I could go on about all the unfair billing practices, but surely you already know. It's your job to know. Centerpoint is heaping abuse on our community and it must stop.

Centerpoint is a bully, and being bullied makes people feel helpless. Before I went to the hearing I felt helpless. I felt we have no recourse because I was told going before the URC IS our recourse and your track record isn't encouraging.

Will you allow Centerpoint to push people in SW Indiana to a breaking point? After seeing, hearing, and feeling the energy in that room last night, I believe that this community will band together and take action if this abuse is not ended. If no one will fight for us, we will have to find a way to fight for ourselves. I don't know what form that fight will take, but it probably won't be as orderly and civil as the hearing was. Please do your part to de-escalate this situation.

I'm asking the URC to not only deny the rate hike, but to take any action within your power to lower our energy prices and drop us out of top position for highest utilities in Indiana. Please treat us with the dignity and consideration that Hoosiers in every other part of Indiana enjoy, and bring our utilities down. Please.

Regards,
SUSAN COOPER
651 S Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Teresa Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Arnold - High utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:17:47 PM

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Regards,
Teresa Arnold
2525 Long Point Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Teresa Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Arnold -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 12:08:10 AM

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2525 Long Point Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Tonya Brantley \(tonyab1956@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:tonyab1956@yahoo.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tonya Brantley - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 5:28:01 PM

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Dear OUCC,

This energy monopoly is illegal and is price gouging its customers. This has to stop.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Tonya Brantley
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(812) 589-0523

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From: [Tracy Holder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Holder - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:05:13 PM

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I am writing to state I am against the rate hike for Centerpoint in Evansville, IN.

The rate increase does not address affordability in Centerpoint filings. Or I should say affordability in relation to customer income and what is considered a high and/or severe energy burden to its customers. While numerous testimony submissions by Centerpoint address "affordability" in their rate increase filing, even stating "they have endeavored to keep customer bills from rising too quickly" It is clear that Centerpoint does not take customer income into consideration. The problem here is that while Centerpoint thinks they are making an effort to address affordability, the rate increase creates a high to severe energy burden on customers. If residents start moving out of Evansville because they cannot pay the current rates, then Centerpoint has spent a lot of money for no reason. While it is important to switch to cheaper energy, this must be done at a pace that customers can afford.

Evansville, Indiana median income is \$49,853 according to US Census data.

According to the Dept of Energy, spending greater than 6% of income is a high energy burden. Spending greater than 10% is a severe energy burden.

6% of the median income annually is \$2,991.18.

Centerpoint current rate for 862 KWH is \$160.21 as of Feb. 2024 and for 655 therms is \$1004.04. Total annual energy cost is \$2,926.56 based on those usage rates. Just under the 6% of annual median income.

Based on Centerpoint's filings and public statements, residents on average use 799 kwh per month and 655 Therms per year. Making the average customer bill \$200 per month for electricity or \$2,400.00 per year and \$1,004.04 for gas cost. The yearly total of \$3,404.04 is well over the 6% of the median income of Evansville, Indiana residents. That is just for customers who use the "Centerpoint" stated average amounts.

The rate hike puts Evansville, IN residents at a high energy burden with electric and natural gas.

For some it will be at the severe burden level. Particularly those who on average use 1,000 KWH per month. Which up until this rate increase request is what Centerpoint called a "typical customer" Just electric would cost \$3,036.00 annually.

All of this is based on customers making at least the median income. For those that make \$15.00 an hour or gross annually \$31,200. The current rates already are at a severe energy burden and the proposed rates are even worse. For a typical customer using 1,000 KWH per month and 655 therms per year The energy burden jumps to 13%.

For the same customer making \$31,200 annually that average usage is 1,000 kwh and 1,000 Therms a year the energy burden is 17.6%

Even for those making the annual median income, the rate increase for a customer using 1,000 kwh per month and 1,000 Therms annually puts the energy burden at 11%.

In August 2020 Indianapolis Star reported that Hoosier with incomes 75% of the federal poverty were spending 12% of their income on energy. Versus a family that earns \$75,000 spent on average only 2% of their income on energy bills.

According to Indianapolis Star what Hoosiers pay is more than other Midwestern states. For example, in Illinois a family at the 75% federal poverty line will spend 9.2% of income on energy.

According to the Doxo 2023 U.S. Household Spending: Utility Industry Report Evansville, IN is the 19th most expensive City by yearly Utility Cost. When taking the 379 cities listed in the Utilities Market/Spend by U.S. Cities (with population of 40k+) and ordering them from most expensive to least expensive by cost per year, Evansville, IN. is 19th in 2023 with an average cost of \$459 per month in utility cost.

Evansville Water Dept states the average usage monthly is 5,000 gallons which comes to \$151.88 a month for water and sewer. Once you subtract that amount from the monthly amount of \$459 that leaves \$307 a month for energy bills.

After applying the rate increase to the \$307 average bill, Evansville Indiana would move into the top spot and become the most expensive city by utility cost per year based on this report. Evansville, IN is the only city in the Top 20 cities with a median income of less than \$50,000.

However, Centerpoint does not appear to be concerned for the amount customers can afford based on income levels in southern Indiana. CenterPoint has the highest rate on return of all Indiana Investor Owned Utilities at 10.4%. Centerpoint could reduce the rate on return to 9.9%

Centerpoint is also very quick to increase customer rates and to have customers cover expenses that may have a different opportunity to have covered. For example Storm Uri Natural Gas price increase. It does not appear that Centerpoint even considered other avenues to recoup the excessively high cost of natural gas during Winter Storm Uri. In numerous filings with the IURC, Centerpoint states they have a long term fixed price purchase contract for natural gas pricing from Nov. 2018 to Oct 2023 not to exceed \$3.25 per Dth. As well as an additional long-term fixed pricing from April 2019 through March 2024 for \$3.25 per Dth. So one must ask if Centerpoint had a contract for Fixed pricing, why the contract was not enforced during Winter Storm Uri.

Arkansas Oklahoma Gas, a small utility company with a little over 13,000 customers sued BP over breach of contract based on their long term fixed gas price agreement and won \$18 million. That gas company could have recovered their cost through the customers however, decided to try and minimize the effects on their customers. Centerpoint could have attempted to protect it's gas customers based on their long-term fixed price contract but did not. Instead they passed the cost off to customers in Southern Indiana very quickly.

While there is no guarantee that the cost would have been covered or prior to the ruling in the Arkansas Oklahoma Gas court case that Centerpoint would have won a court case, at least they would have tried. Thus far all southern Indiana residents see is that the Centerpoint and the CEO are making millions, while we struggle to keep up with the \$2,900-\$4,000 yearly energy cost.

Perhaps the most egregious act in this by Centerpoint their lack of knowledge of Indiana law. Indiana defines poverty as a form of child neglect, citing a parent's inability to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical, education, and supervision. In Indiana, if parents are having to choose between paying energy cost, medical care, or food or if the electric and/or heat at the home are disconnected, the parent by Indiana's definition is committing the crime of child neglect.

CenterPoint has a responsibility to the customers in Southern Indiana, to take into consideration what is affordable without pushing all of the customers served into poverty.

Thank you,
Tracy Holder
4600 Grace Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Tracy Holder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Holder - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:05:22 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Tracy Holder
4600 Grace Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Tracy Kissel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Kissel - Please SUPPORT Hoosier utility consumers and REJECT utility trackers
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:36:08 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

To all on this email,

Please consider the lives you are damaging, We elect you.

Please reject the CenterPoint rate hike for 2023, 24

We the People

Regards,
Tracy Kissel
302 Herndon Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

We already know that Center points charges for electricity and natural gas are the highest in the State of Indiana. I worked for nearly three decades as a deputy sheriff here in Vanderburgh County. I want to put everything you have heard in hearings and received in writing on this issue. I spoke yesterday to one of my former colleagues from the sheriff's office who has been retired with his family down in Foley, Alabama for over twenty years. He told me on the phone yesterday they are going to move away from the Foley/Gulf Shores area because of traffic congestion. He also said that when they do relocate, it will be in Henderson, Kentucky where he can afford to pay for utilities that are at least a third of what is charged by Center Point. This decision puts all you've heard in perspective. Those of us on pensions and fixed incomes simply can't take another hit on utilities. Thanks for your consideration of this important matter.

Respectively submitted,

Peter M. Swaim,
Former United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana
Lieutenant (Ret.) Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office

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From: [Aaliyah Mattingly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Aaliyah Mattingly - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:44:39 PM

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Regards,
Aaliyah Mattingly
1912 Hicks Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Aaron Chenoweth](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Aaron Chenoweth - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:34:23 AM

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Aaron Chenoweth
5204 Oak Hill Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Aaron Enlow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Aaron Enlow - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:39:21 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Aaron Enlow
8355 County Rd 1050 W
Elberfeld, IN 47613

From: [Abbigail Moers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Abbigail Moers - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:22:50 PM

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Regards,
Abbigail Moers
1528 Brixton Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Adams Karla](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Adams Karla -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:11:02 PM

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Thank you,
Adams Karla
4640 Kuebler Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Alan goad](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alan goad - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:18:46 AM

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Respectfully,
Alan goad
23 W Missouri St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: alanlcham@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Alan L Chamberlain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alan L Chamberlain-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:05:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Alan L Chamberlain
700 W BNVL NEW HAR RD
Evansville IN, 47725-9581

From: [Albert Fowler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Albert Fowler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:13:19 AM

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Regards,
Albert Fowler
4903 Oakwood Pl
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [alee nelson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: alee nelson -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:06:25 AM

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Regards,
alee nelson
2301 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Aleisha shields](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Aleisha shields - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 5:21:41 AM

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Thank you,
Aleisha shields
3112 Kratzville Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: pinky_6604@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Alesha Leehy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alesha Leehy-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:04:26 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Alesha Leehy
7916 COVENTRY CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-8141

From: [Alex Gregurich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alex Gregurich - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:32:25 AM

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Regards,
Alex Gregurich
623 Forest Park Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Alexander Franken](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alexander Franken - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:33:24 AM

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Respectfully,
Alexander Franken
926 Saddlebrook Dr
Zionsville, IN 46077

From: dbranch442=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Alfred Branch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alfred Branch-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:18:17 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Alfred Branch
634 Elm St.
ROCKPORT IN, 47635-1260

From: ahertli=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Alice Hertli](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alice Hertli-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:06:16 PM

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Thank you.

Alice Hertli
401 GOAD CEMETERY RD E
NEW HARMONY IN, 47631-9212

From: [Alisa Payne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alisa Payne -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 11:12:45 PM

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Regards,
Alisa Payne
8935 W County Rd 65 N
Richland City, IN 47634

From: [Alisha Roddy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alisha Roddy -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:26:04 AM

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Respectfully,
Alisha Roddy
17 E Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Alisia Pendygraft](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alisia Pendygraft - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:59:50 PM

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Please also consider the effect on the health of our people. Citizens will be made to choose between electricity and housing. Citizens will be made homeless or lose their electricity. This will leave citizens without access to necessary medical equipment which will lead to an increase in exacerbations of existing medical conditions leading to increases in ER visits and subsequently hospital burden. Ultimately people will get sick and die if they cannot afford their electric bills. Know that you are responsible for this if you support the increase in price.

Respectfully,
Alisia Pendygraft
2920 Fox Hollow Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Allen Woehler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allen Woehler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:04:25 PM

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Allen Woehler
5209 Elmhurst Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Allison Ashby](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allison Ashby -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024 1:20:21 PM

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Thank you,
Allison Ashby
214 Keck Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Allison Myers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allison Myers - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:24 AM

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Thank you,
Allison Myers
711 S Sled Run
Santa Claus, IN 47579

From: allyson.allen1213@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Allyson Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Allyson Allen - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:02:19 PM

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Allyson Allen
2620 LONG POINT DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-8816

From: [Alyss Schoenbaechler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alyss Schoenbaechler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:55:09 PM

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Respectfully,
Alyss Schoenbaechler
12410 Kenai Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Alyssa Cooke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alyssa Cooke - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:50:51 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Alyssa Cooke
1845 East Bnvl-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Alyssa Pearson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alyssa Pearson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:48:42 PM

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Thank you,
Alyssa Pearson
2350 Oakview Ct
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Amanda Clark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Clark -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 8:39:19 PM

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Thank you,
Amanda Clark
5110 Bassett Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Amanda Coomer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Coomer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 7:13:50 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Amanda Coomer
800 Mels Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amanda Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Johnson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:03:41 PM

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Thank you,
Amanda Johnson
6299 Mcclary Rd
Tennyson, IN 47637

From: [Amanda Osborne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Osborne -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:54:18 PM

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Regards,
Amanda Osborne
431 E Water St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Amanda Russell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Russell - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:23:33 AM

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Thank you,
Amanda Russell
15440 Shakespeare Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Amanda Scherer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Scherer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 5:30:28 PM

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Regards,
Amanda Scherer
2221 Volkman Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Amanda Snyder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amanda Snyder -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:26:30 AM

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Respectfully,
Amanda Snyder
10900 Williamsburg Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: akelly19=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Amands Kelly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amands Kelly - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:06:21 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Amands Kelly
2000 I U DR
Evansville IN, 47720-1750

From: [Amber Crowe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber Crowe - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:33:06 PM

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Thank you,
Amber Crowe
8300 Chestnut Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Amber Yates \(amber.yates.work@outlook.com\)](mailto:amber.yates.work@outlook.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber Yates - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 10:02:35 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Amber Yates
1117 Lohoff Ave
Evansville, IN 47710
amber.yates.work@outlook.com
(812) 602-9254

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From: [Amber Zeller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amber Zeller - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 2:38:01 PM

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Thank you,
Amber Zeller
3119 Hillcrest Terrace
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Andrews](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Andrews - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:52:56 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I know you don't care because you don't live here and you aren't getting any benefit from caring, but this is disgusting.

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Respectfully,
Amy Andrews
2023 W Indiana St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Brown - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 6:41:26 AM

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Respectfully,
Amy Brown
2800 Vermont Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Amy Damitz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Damitz -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:05:46 PM

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Regards,
Amy Damitz
3714 Ellison Dr
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Amy Droll](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Droll - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:41:07 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. Yet I have to do this because of my outrageous electric bill. I have a small child and my current bill has already tripled and I am being forced to move. I entered into a payment arrangement and not only paid on time, but early. I have NEVER missed a payment yet a shutoff was ordered due to nonpayment yesterday. Thank goodness someone was home to catch this error, but this never should have happened. CenterPoint's own employee stated he had been shutoff before as well and couldn't afford his electric bill. My current bill is over \$1,000 and I can't survive due to it. They sent my old bill to collections while I was still making payments with Vectren, with no notice, negatively affecting my credit. Ever since CenterPoint took over things have progressively gotten worse and I see no signs of relief. This is absurd and must be stopped. I can't imagine where my family will be with a higher bill when I'm already being forced out of my home due to a utility bill.

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Thank you,
Amy Droll
11820 Gumbel Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Amy Ethridge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Ethridge - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:34:06 PM

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Regards,
Amy Ethridge
212 S Thomas Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: gizmohardy=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Amy Lancaster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Lancaster - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:44:22 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Amy Lancaster
3013 NEVADA AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-3019

From: [Amy Michel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Michel - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:35:12 AM

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Thank you,
Amy Michel
7508 E Blackford Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: apwalker1952@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Amy Walker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Walker-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:07:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Amy Walker
4811 OLD TYME CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2164

From: [Amy Wells](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Wells - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:31:05 AM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Amy Wells
2532 Arbors Dr Apt 7
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Amy Wells](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Wells - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 6:22:40 PM

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Regards,
Amy Wells
2532 Arbors Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Andrea hales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrea hales - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:28:50 PM

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Respectfully,
Andrea hales
8200 Spry Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Andrea Kappler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrea Kappler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:26:34 AM

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Thank you,
Andrea Kappler
425 Salem Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Andrea Wildeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrea Wildeman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:53:52 PM

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Respectfully,
Andrea Wildeman
2639 W Mill Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: aitken.aw@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Andrew Aitken](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Aitken-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:58:16 PM

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Dear

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Thank you

Thank you.

Andrew Aitken
10700 OLD PLANTATION DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-7135

From: [Andrew Baggott \(canes262626@outlook.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:canes262626@outlook.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Baggott - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 8:30:40 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Andrew Baggott
5703 Dry Ridge
Evansville, IN 47712
canes262626@outlook.com
(618) 201-0476

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From: [Andrew Cheaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Cheaney - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:03:16 PM

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Thank you,
Andrew Cheaney
1340 N Boehne Camp Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: gabert83@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Andrew Gabert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Gabert - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:53:18 AM

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Thank you.

Andrew Gabert
4670 MANSFIELD DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8729

From: [Andrew sch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew sch - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 2:04:56 AM

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Respectfully,
Andrew sch
26 N Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Andrew Werner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Werner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:38:36 PM

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Thank you,
Andrew Werner
9213 Liberty Ct
Evansville, IN 47720

From: angelabyrd67@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Angela Byrd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Byrd - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:33:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Angela Byrd
8431 BOBERG RD
WADESVILLE IN, 47638-9191

From: angieellison7@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Angela Ellison](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Ellison - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 2:20:19 AM

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Angela Ellison
9828 MASSEY DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-9611

From: [Angela Greenhaw](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Greenhaw - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 5:23:33 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Angela Greenhaw
202 Green Valley Dr
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Angela Greenhaw](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Greenhaw -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 11:05:42 PM

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Respectfully,
Angela Greenhaw
202 Green Valley Dr
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Angela Kebortz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela Kebortz - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 5:21:12 PM

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Thank you,
Angela Kebortz
775 N County Road 575 W
Richland, IN 47634

From: [Angela O'Malley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angela O'Malley -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:35:35 PM

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Regards,
Angela O'Malley
1413 N Limestone Dr
Ellettsville, IN 47429

From: [Angie Slaton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angie Slaton - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:11:32 PM

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Angie Slaton
5559 Ryan Ln
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Angie Wildeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angie Wildeman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:29:30 PM

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Respectfully,
Angie Wildeman
5600 4 Wheel Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Anita Jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anita Jones - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:33:24 AM

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Regards,
Anita Jones
2039 Wells Dr
Madison, IN 47250

From: [Ann Howard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ann Howard - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:23:17 AM

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Thank you,
Ann Howard
802 E 10th St
Ferdinand, IN 47532

From: annhd1420@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ann Hudson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ann Hudson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:33:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Ann Hudson
4636 ARROWRIDGE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-6408

From: aklem2783@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ann Klem](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ann Klem - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:35:23 AM

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Thank you.

Ann Klem
8293 East Co. Rd. 1950 North
Ferdinand IN, 47532-7678

From: [Ann Marqueling](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ann Marqueling - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:20:42 PM

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Respectfully,
Ann Marqueling
9003 Trier Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

From: [Anna Jordan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Jordan -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 9:02:12 PM

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Respectfully,
Anna Jordan
7003 Upper Mt Vernon Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Anna Mann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Mann - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:11 AM

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Respectfully,
Anna Mann
907 W Mill Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Anne Cottrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Cottrell - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:47:58 PM

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Respectfully,
Anne Cottrell
3131 Bayou Creek Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Anne Rasico](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Rasico - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:37:35 PM

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Regards,
Anne Rasico
2920 Ravenswood Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Annette Stanley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Annette Stanley - CenterPoint's request to hike EVANSVILLES electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 11:51:52 AM

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Respectfully,
Annette Stanley
622 Beringer Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Anthony Cron](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anthony Cron - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:50:04 PM

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Thank you,
Anthony Cron
7700 Meadowview Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Anthony Scheller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anthony Scheller - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:25:42 AM

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Regards,
Anthony Scheller
2810 Selzer Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [April Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: April Wilson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 2:35:27 PM

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Thank you,
April Wilson
2219 W Iowa St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Ariana Tanoos](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ariana Tanoos -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:12:28 AM

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Respectfully,
Ariana Tanoos
119 Alexandria St
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: ashasakaria@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Asha Sakaria](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Asha Sakaria-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:36:26 PM

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Asha Sakaria
504 RED BUD LN
Evansville IN, 47710-4978

From: [ASHLEY COOMES](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: ASHLEY COOMES -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:27:49 PM

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Families are having to choose between feeding their families or paying their bills. How is this fair to people? We are the ones suffering while they are the ones that are prospering off us.

Respectfully,
ASHLEY COOMES
710 Waggoner Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Ashley Neighbors](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Neighbors - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 8:54:37 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

For the past decade I have lived here I have tried to get my family and loved ones to move to Evansville because of the community and growth. However, we stopped actively looking in the area for my father and step-family to move because of the increasing instability of the area. No one can afford to keep having a necessary UTILITY price us out of the region. The government is letting us down. From the Evansville local officials to Holcolb's party and cabinet. Everyone has failed the citizens of Evansville and allowed this company to keep greedily raising prices and charging outrageous fees. A company is supposed to invest into itself and the area it is in, Centerpoint wants to charge for their own incompetence and laziness.

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Thank you,
Ashley Neighbors
3213 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Ashley Neighbors](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Neighbors - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 10:25:51 AM

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Please try to think of residents even though it doesn't directly affect your family directly. Would you be ok with these rates and living in the area? The regulators need to actually regulate something since this company has come in and taken over the town. We, the residents, don't have a choice and we don't have anyone standing up for us in this state. Why are we seen as acceptable collateral damage?!?!

Regards,
Ashley Neighbors
3213 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Ashley Sprasky](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Sprasky - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 5:57:35 PM

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Ashley Sprasky
1207 N First Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Ashley White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley White -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:58:12 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm disappointed into what has already been a perplexing reality, as I've lived here most of my life... we pay far more than others for utilities. I am one who pieces together an income from multiple sources to get by, and things like this, make it that much harder... and it is unnecessary.

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Ashley White
7300 E Blackford Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Ashley Willis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Willis - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:22:32 AM

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Thank you,
Ashley Willis
11701 Vienna Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Ashley Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ashley Wilson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 4:19:18 AM

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Regards,
Ashley Wilson
5602 Des Plaines Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Austin Scholl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Austin Scholl -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:06:10 PM

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7509 W County Rd 550 S
Daleville, IN 47334

From: [Avery McCulley \(averyjordan211@gmail.com\)](mailto:averyjordan211@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Avery McCulley - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:44:22 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Avery McCulley
1800 East Morgan Avenue
Evansville, IN 47711
averyjordan211@gmail.com
(618) 516-2458

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From: [Bambi Small](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bambi Small - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:00:46 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Bambi Small
601 Elk Trail
Evansville, IN 47712

From: birdjohn124@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Barbara Delker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Delker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:29:18 AM

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Dear

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I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you
Barbara Delker
620 Brookshire Drive Evansville IN 47715

Thank you.

Barbara Delker
620 Brookshire Dr
Evansville IN, 47715-7135

From: bddyson=eagles.usi.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Barbara Dyson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Dyson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:36:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Barbara Dyson
PO BOX 314
East Williams Street
CHANDLER IN, 47610-0314

From: [Barbara Lord](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Lord - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 2:53:29 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Barbara Lord
120 Reston
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Barbara Lynch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Lynch - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:00 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Barbara Lynch
4500 Atkins Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Barbara Lynch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Lynch - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:48:25 PM

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Respectfully,
Barbara Lynch
4500 Atkins Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: bkmartin1964@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Barry Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barry Martin - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:08:23 AM

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Thank you
Barry Martin
7677 Ridgemont Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Thank you.

Barry Martin
7677 RIDGEMONT DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-2821

From: [Barry Poole](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barry Poole - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:06:19 PM

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Respectfully,
Barry Poole
4131 Lincoln Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Barry W. Burleigh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barry W. Burleigh - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:04:21 PM

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Thank you,
Barry W. Burleigh
124 E Evergreen Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Bart Lindenschmidt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bart Lindenschmidt - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:36:55 PM

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Regards,
Bart Lindenschmidt
6600 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: barttschroeder@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bartt Schroeder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bartt Schroeder - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:12:17 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Bartt Schroeder
5516 Hogue Rd
Evansville IN, 47712-3218

From: [Benetta Bridges](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Benetta Bridges - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:12:36 AM

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Respectfully,
Benetta Bridges
8046 Wyngate Cir
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Benjamin Neely](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Benjamin Neely -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 6:38:37 PM

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Respectfully,
Benjamin Neely
790 Senate Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: jonjoeber@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bernette Locklar](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bernette Locklar - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:49:18 AM

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Bernette Locklar
11245 SCHAEFFER RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-7159

From: [Bert Harrison](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bert Harrison - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:58:31 AM

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Regards,
Bert Harrison
21884 Auten Rd
South Bend, IN 46628

From: [Beth Fitzsimmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Fitzsimmons - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 10:24:19 PM

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Respectfully,
Beth Fitzsimmons
4945 Brumley Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Beth Mahoney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Mahoney -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:51:41 PM

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Thank you,
Beth Mahoney
433 Strawberry Hill Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: badroberts550@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Beth Roberts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Roberts - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 2:18:24 PM

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Beth Roberts
550 S RUSTON AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-1636

From: [Beth Troyer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Troyer -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:24:08 PM

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Thank you,
Beth Troyer
1518 Stone Trail
South Bend, IN 46614

From: [Bettina Corbett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bettina Corbett - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:57:57 PM

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Thank you,
Bettina Corbett
313 S Cullen Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: barnettbetty15@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Betty Barnett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Betty Barnett - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:43:27 AM

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Thank you
William and Betty Barnett

Thank you.

Betty Barnett
PO BOX 166
NEW HARMONY IN, 47631-0166

From: superbet9=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Betty Gilles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Betty Gilles-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:55:19 PM

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It is a disgrace when we Hoosier seniors are having to wrap us in long underwear and blankets, to keep our bills as low as we can. Would you want your parents to have to resort to these extreme measures?

Thank you

Thank you.

Betty Gilles
719 N LEMCKE AVE
Evansville IN, 47712-5648

From: [Beverly Creamer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beverly Creamer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:37:45 PM

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Respectfully,
Beverly Creamer
4100 Bergdolt Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: bev6821@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Beverly Kleeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beverly Kleeman-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:31:16 PM

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Beverly Kleeman
6821 MONROE AVE
Evansville IN, 47715-5283

From: billhelfrich@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bill Helfrich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bill Helfrich - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:16:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Bill Helfrich
8610 GLENWOOD DR
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-8641

From: [Billie Walker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Billie Walker - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 4:22:14 AM

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Respectfully,
Billie Walker
2420 Selzer Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Billy Hall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Billy Hall - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:55:09 PM

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Regards,
Billy Hall
2637 E Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Billy Hall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Billy Hall -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:54:57 PM

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Billy Hall
2637 E Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [BJ Farrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: BJ Farrell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:44:09 PM

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BJ Farrell
7699 Arbor Ridge Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Blake Tisserand](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Blake Tisserand - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:25:09 AM

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Regards,
Blake Tisserand
5707 Twickingham Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Blythe Battram](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Blythe Battram - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:42:08 PM

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Respectfully,
Blythe Battram
5300 Warren Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Blythe Battram](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Blythe Battram - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:19:37 AM

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5300 Warren Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: bobbyhagan@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [bobby hagan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: bobby hagan - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:06:19 PM

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Thank you.

bobby hagan
625 10TH ST
GRANDVIEW IN, 47615-9377

From: [Boyd Larson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Boyd Larson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:04:01 AM

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Regards,
Boyd Larson
1504 Virginia St
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: [Bradley Hutchins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bradley Hutchins - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:50:20 PM

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Regards,
Bradley Hutchins
5240 Donnelly Rd
Anderson, IN 46011

From: [Brandi Stone](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandi Stone - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 2:04:45 PM

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Thank you,
Brandi Stone
9727 Chatteris Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Brandon Bieber](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Bieber - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:45:12 PM

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Thank you,
Brandon Bieber
688 Winsett Rd
Tennyson, IN 47637

From: [Brandon Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Harris -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 2:20:02 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Imagine for a moment that you had to choose between paying your electric bill or getting groceries. Or choosing between mortgage and fuel. It isn't a good feeling, so why are we inflicting this on others? With inflation and wage stagnation, there should be no reason for this to even be on the table. Where is the empathy for seniors on social security or those with a fixed income? What is Centerpoint thinking? I urge whoever is reading this to take a step back and look at the big picture. Those Centerpoint higher-ups may get their money they so desperately want, but this model won't last because there will eventually be pushback. There already is. There really is no compassion in this age for other human lives, long as they get their money, right? It's just shameful and embarrassing..

Thank you,
Brandon Harris
3721 Kathleen Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Brandon James](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon James - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:06:57 AM

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Brandon James
1201 S Parker Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Brandon Rauth](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Rauth - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 9:12:25 PM

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Regards,
Brandon Rauth
1040 Ravenswood Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Brandon Shumate](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Shumate - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:43:25 PM

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Thank you,
Brandon Shumate
601 Acorn Ln
New Harmony, IN 47631

From: [Brandon Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandon Smith - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 5:38:54 PM

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Thank you,
Brandon Smith
7939 Coventry Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Brandy Anthony \(anthonybrandy7@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:anthonybrandy7@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brandy Anthony - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:10:02 AM

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Dear OUCC,

People are already struggling to pay for everything?the inflation rates are far surpassing the salary rate.Just ??

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Brandy Anthony
2329North Bald Hill Lane
Princeton, IN 47670
anthonybrandy7@gmail.com
(812) 617-1224

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From: [Breanna Black](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Breanna Black - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:04:31 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Breanna Black
8910 Wynnfield Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Brenda Henrich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brenda Henrich - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:58:02 PM

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Thank you,
Brenda Henrich
5666 Gardenia Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: brendasmith.bs@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brenda Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brenda Smith - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:15:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Brenda Smith
4107 E DOGWOOD WAY
HAUBSTADT IN, 47639-7859

From: bmwalling101@icloud.com on behalf of [Brenda Walling](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brenda Walling - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:12:17 PM

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Brenda Walling
6707 CLIFT WOOD DR
Evansville IN, 47712-3692

From: [Brenda Webber](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brenda Webber - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:06:09 AM

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Regards,
Brenda Webber
9646 Caborn Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: bpw=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brenda Weber](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brenda Weber - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:22:25 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Brenda Weber
2104 BUNKER LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-8047

From: [Brendan Scheller \(shutthefrenchtoast@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:shutthefrenchtoast@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brendan Scheller - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:33:14 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Energy is life.

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Sincerely,

Brendan Scheller
3041 Claremont Avenue
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shutthefrenchtoast@gmail.com
(812) 459-3208

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From: brentreynolds1955@icloud.com on behalf of [Brent Reynolds](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brent Reynolds-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:28:14 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Brent Reynolds
4866 W STATE ROUTE 62
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-9514

From: [Brett Wetli](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brett Wetli - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:58:14 PM

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I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Brett Wetli
4705 St Patricks Ct
Evansville, IN 47714

From: brian=brianschmitt@vac.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brian Schmitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Schmitt-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:53:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Brian Schmitt
6540 BRIAR CT
Evansville IN, 47711-1687

From: [Brienne Akey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brienne Akey - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:52:05 AM

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Regards,
Brienne Akey
3603 Quarry Ridge Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: brittanyalden2015@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brittany Alden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Alden - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:00:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Brittany Alden
10183 S QUAIL XING
Haubstadt IN, 47639-8623

From: [Brittany Braunecker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Braunecker - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:46:32 AM

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Thank you,
Brittany Braunecker
4544 Sonoma Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Brittany McCrary](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany McCrary -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 1:57:50 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs. I haven't even been in my house for most of the winter and my bills have been around \$250 with temp set at 65°. I couldn't imagine trying to survive financially if I were to live there year round. It looks like I will need to try selling my house and move away from this ridiculous raise in price. It's already affecting us and many others.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Brittany McCrary
811 Coachlite Dr
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Brittany Metzger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Metzger - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:02 AM

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Regards,
Brittany Metzger
3737 5 Oaks Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Brittany Pursley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Pursley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:29:58 AM

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Regards,
Brittany Pursley
1707 Tomahawk Dr
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Bruce Bartlett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Bartlett -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:49:03 PM

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Regards,
Bruce Bartlett
409 N Oakland St
Colfax, IN 46035

From: brdausman@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bruce Dausman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Dausman-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:17:17 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Bruce Dausman
8700 NATION RD
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-8650

From: bruceesterline3@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bruce Esterline](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Esterline - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:31:17 AM

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Bruce Esterline
720 ROSEWOOD ST
ROCKPORT IN, 47635-1115

From: brdekelly17@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bruce Kelley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Kelley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:41:18 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Bruce Kelley
4358 E COUNTY ROAD 400 N
Grandview IN, 47615-9416

From: bbthompson55@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bruce Thompson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Thompson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:22:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Bruce Thompson
8204 WYNTREE VILLAS DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2535

From: [Bryce Steward \(bsteward1997@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:bsteward1997@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bryce Steward - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:45:27 PM

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- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Bryce Steward
2060 bayard park dr
Evansville, IN 47714
bsteward1997@gmail.com
(812) 430-2992

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From: [Byron Lahr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Byron Lahr - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:34:24 PM

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Respectfully,
Byron Lahr
7041 W N 00 S
Swayzee, IN 46986

From: [Caitlin etzger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Caitlin Etzger - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:54:11 PM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Caitlin etzger
2116 Oakland Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [caitlynn paul](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: caitlynn paul - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 12:23:16 PM

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Thank you,
caitlynn paul
5525 Nittany Way
Evansville, IN 47720

From: calandra.carter@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Calandra Carter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Calandra Carter - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:09:19 PM

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Calandra Carter
1319 RAVENSWOOD DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-3512

From: [Caleb Cox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Caleb Cox - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:54:49 AM

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Regards,
Caleb Cox
1205 Stringtown Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Carey Broerman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carey Broerman -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 8:22:31 PM

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Thank you,
Carey Broerman
2119 W Iowa St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Carina Phillips \(foamier_postbox.0n@icloud.com\)](mailto:foamier_postbox.0n@icloud.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carina Phillips - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:59:33 PM

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Dear OUCC,

For a family of 2, we somehow ended up with a bill over \$500! How is this manageable for families with children?!

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Sincerely,

Carina Phillips
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Evansville, IN 47711
foamier_postbox.0n@icloud.com
(812) 319-8008

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From: jimdassel=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [carl dassel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: carl dassel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:59:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

carl dassel
5900 Monroe Ave
Evansville IN, 47715-5052

From: cjeanne51055@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carla Angel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carla Angel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:31:20 AM

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Carla Angel
2777 OLD STATE ROUTE 66
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8262

From: medanlucas@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carla Brandt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carla Brandt - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:11:20 AM

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Carla Brandt
10000 DENZER RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-8932

From: carlenewright@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carlene Wright](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carlene Wright - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:02:19 AM

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Carlene Wright
7244 SHADY OAK DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-1884

From: [Carlos Garnett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carlos Garnett - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:02 PM

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Respectfully,
Carlos Garnett
800 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Carlos Garnett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carlos Garnett - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:00 PM

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Regards,
Carlos Garnett
800 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: carol.embrey46@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carol A Embrey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carol A Embrey-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:46:19 PM

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Carol A Embrey
10604 Greenleaf Dr
Evansville IN, 47712-8802

From: [Carol Myers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carol Myers - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:34:43 AM

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On a more personal note, I am a Vincentian with SVdP St. Clement Catholic Church in Boonville, Indiana. We help many folks with paying utilities and rent, furniture, clothing and food, but the most requests we receive are for help with their CenterPoint bill. If you raise rates this will most definitely double, triple and more the number of similar requests we receive. We are able to help those in need from generous donations from parishioners as well as limited grant money. We rarely have had to say NO to someone's request for help. If CenterPoint raises rates, this will be devastating to many and put generous organizations like SVdP and many other Christian based organizations like ours in a very difficult situation of being overwhelmed with requests for help with CenterPoint bills and not being able to meet those needs. Please say NO to ANY CenterPoint rate hikes or fixed charges!!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Carol Myers
2833 Zachary Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Carol Nickens](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carol Nickens - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:24:58 PM

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Regards,
Carol Nickens
504 Cross Valley Cir Apt B
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Caroline Clark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Caroline Clark - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:29:20 PM

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Respectfully,
Caroline Clark
611 N First Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Carolyn Beck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Beck - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:43:01 PM

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Respectfully,
Carolyn Beck
200 Springhaven Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: traildr01@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carolyn Bennett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Bennett-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:58:20 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already astronomically high energy rates. For years, Evansville residents have paid much higher energy costs than other parts of the country.

The rates we pay are even more ridiculous considering Centerpoint increased their capital plan to 4 billion in 2023. Their goal is over 43 billion by 2030!

Why are they asking to pass the costs of upgrading power plants to the customers? It is obvious to be that Centerpoint has the funds to make improvements without this rate hike.

Please think of the people who would have to pay the huge increase amounts that Centerpoint is requesting. To us \$70-\$100 a month means not paying other bills. As a senior citizen, my income does not increase 114% just because my energy bill increases.

Thank you,
Carolyn Bennett

Thank you.

Carolyn Bennett
13049 BALBOA DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6825

From: [Carolyn James](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn James - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:03:46 PM

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2731 Hillcrest Terrace
Evansville, IN 47712

From: carolyn23aug=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carolyn Williams-Foell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Williams-Foell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:28:06 PM

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Carolyn Williams-Foell
1065 W CHESTNUT BY THE FIRE
Santa claus IN, 47579-6197

From: [Carrie Clem](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carrie Clem - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:20:32 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Carrie Clem
1806 N Ruston Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Carrie Lile](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carrie Lile - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:06:33 PM

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Respectfully,
Carrie Lile
8799 Westwood Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: sow1024cew=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Carroll Wells](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carroll Wells - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:12:13 PM

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Carroll Wells
8616 BURCH PARK DR
Evansville IN, 47725-6555

From: [Cassandra McCord](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cassandra McCord - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:51:24 PM

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Respectfully,
Cassandra McCord
1005 SE 2nd St Apt C
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Catherine Boerste](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Catherine Boerste - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:33:18 AM

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Thank you,
Catherine Boerste
3730 E State Road 68
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: cjwillis1952@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Catherine Willis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Catherine Willis-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:05:23 PM

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Catherine Willis
1400 HATHAWAY AVE
Evansville IN, 47712-4256

From: [Cathy Willey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cathy Willey - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:47:17 PM

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Thank you,
Cathy Willey
304 N Church St
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [Cathy Zimmerman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cathy Zimmerman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:58:10 PM

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Respectfully,
Cathy Zimmerman
9718 Chatteris Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: dwoodrn=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [CDiane Wood](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: CDiane Wood - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:06:29 PM

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CDiane Wood
4977 PHILLIPS RD
TENNYSON IN, 47637-7131

From: [Cecelia Blum](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecelia Blum - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:28:54 PM

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Regards,
Cecelia Blum
211 S Barker Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Cecelia Blum](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecelia Blum -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:07:14 AM

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Cecelia Blum
211 S Barker Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Cecil Shoemaker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecil Shoemaker - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:55:35 AM

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Regards,
Cecil Shoemaker
5030 Britannia Ct
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: ceciliaruck@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cecilia Rucker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecilia Rucker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:01:21 PM

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Cecilia Rucker
1128 E Gum St
Evansville IN, 47714-1814

From: [Cecily Dresser](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecily Dresser -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 4:45:31 PM

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Regards,
Cecily Dresser
427 Woodland Heights Dr
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

From: [ron deluca](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: centerpoint energy rate increase proposed for evansville, in
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 3:59:52 PM

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I absolutely oppose this outrageous rate increase!!! The current average rate in Indiana is \$.15/kwhr. Our current rate in evansville, in is \$.2072/kwhr. The national average rate is \$.18/kwhr! We are already paying way more then the average rate in Indiana and the national rate! Do not approve this request to increase the rate in evansville, in, by centerpoint energy. They obviously have some very serious operating issues that they need to get right! Your job is to protect the consumer from this type of outrageous request! I expect you to protect us!

Ronald M DeLuca
4219 Pirates Alley
Evansville, In 47715

Reference IURC cause No 45990

Please do your job and protect the public from this outrageous request!!

From: [S Bentley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Centerpoint raising electric bills for southern Indiana residents with once complete electricity bills would raise by \$ 46.00 a month we in southern Indiana already pay already highest rates in Indiana I do not think we should have to bear it all .than...
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 9:14:15 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: chadferguson=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Chad Ferguson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chad Ferguson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:54:44 AM

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Chad Ferguson
2931 MOORING RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-8164

From: [Chan Lee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chan Lee - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:42 AM

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Regards,
Chan Lee
200 Hamilton St
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Charles doerner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charles doerner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Charles doerner
401 Haub St
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: realkeene=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Charles Keene](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charles Keene-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:07:22 PM

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Thank you sincerely
Charles Keene

Thank you.

Charles Keene
2112 E VIRGINIA ST
Evansville IN, 47711-5954

From: butch300m@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Charles McKendree](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charles McKendree-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:41:20 PM

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Charles McKendree
7544 Sandalwood Dr
Newburgh IN, 47630-9646

From: [Charlie Seyffarth](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charlie Seyffarth - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:03:02 AM

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Regards,
Charlie Seyffarth
2209 Speaker Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: cthacker=sit-co.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Charlotte A Thacker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charlotte A Thacker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:24:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Charlotte A Thacker
11208 Diamond Isl Rd
Wadesville IN, 47638-9559

From: [Chasity Carner \(chasitycarner02@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:chasitycarner02@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chasity Carner - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 5:42:05 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Chasity Carner
1730 Dianne avenue
Evansville, IN 47714
chasitycarner02@gmail.com
(812) 484-6362

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From: [Chaz Gibbs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chaz Gibbs - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:24:54 PM

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Thank you,
Chaz Gibbs
1211 N First Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Chelsea Decamps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chelsea Decamps - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:59:36 AM

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Respectfully,
Chelsea Decamps
4700 Saint Wendel Cynthiana Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Chelsea Gray](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chelsea Gray - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:38:52 PM

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Respectfully,
Chelsea Gray
2601 E Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Cherish Benge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cherish Benge - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:43:29 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Cherish Benge
5509 S Lincoln St
Oakland City, IN 47660

From: cc57=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cheryl Cox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Cox-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:56:25 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Cheryl Cox
3208 YALE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-7300

From: clcrick=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cheryl Crick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Crick - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:03:17 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Cheryl Crick
8901 MALLORY CT
Evansville IN, 47711-7811

From: cheryl82springer@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [cheryl mcroberts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: cheryl mcroberts-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:08:10 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

cheryl mcroberts
1725 AUTUMN DR
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-2139

From: [Cheryl Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Miller - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:11:24 PM

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Thank you,
Cheryl Miller
13411 Woodland Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: cmiller047=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cheryl Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Miller - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:26:22 PM

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Cheryl Miller
13411 WOODLAND LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-1162

From: poohgl59@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cheryl Pye](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Pye-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 5:16:20 PM

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Cheryl Pye
620 KECK AVE
Evansville IN, 47711-3836

From: [Cheryl Waelde](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Waelde - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:51:08 AM

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Regards,
Cheryl Waelde
2210 Woodland Hills Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: cballis70@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Chris Ballis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Ballis - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:48:20 AM

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Thank you

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Chris Ballis
4466 KIMWOOD CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-9503

From: [Chris Frymire](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Frymire - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 9:07:23 AM

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Respectfully,
Chris Frymire
212 Lamey Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Chris Frymire](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Frymire -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:25:11 PM

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Chris Frymire
212 Lamey Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Chris Himsel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Himsel - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:12:12 PM

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Respectfully,
Chris Himsel
4271 S State Road 257
Velpen, IN 47590

From: [Chris Himsel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Himsel -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:28:58 AM

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Regards,
Chris Himsel
St Rd 257
IN 47564

From: [Chris Jines](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Jines - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:12:28 PM

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Thank you,
Chris Jines
2501 Malibu Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: acturwage@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Chris Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Miller - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:21:20 PM

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Thank you

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Chris Miller
6733 MILLER LN
Newburgh IN, 47630-9573

From: [Chris Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Moore - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:01:21 PM

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Regards,
Chris Moore
241 Winding Way
Anderson, IN 46011

From: crueger1=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Chris Rueger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Rueger-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:47:20 PM

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Chris Rueger
10918 HEBMAR DR
Evansville IN, 47712-9491

From: evcitydriver=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Chris Tepool](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Tepool - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:57:20 PM

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Chris Tepool
726 OLEANDER LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-9102

From: [Chris Thrasher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Thrasher - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:12:16 AM

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Regards,
Chris Thrasher
2230
Centerton, IN 46151

From: [Chris Vinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Vinson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:53:03 AM

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Thank you,
Chris Vinson
5812 Twickingham Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Christian Canfield](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christian Canfield - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:08 AM

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Christian Canfield
Bronson Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Christian Jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christian Jones - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:40 AM

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Respectfully,
Christian Jones
2864 Wabash Ave
Rochester, IN 46975

From: [Christie Donnelly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christie Donnelly - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:04:16 PM

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Thank you,
Christie Donnelly
5100 Hoosier Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Christina Dugger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Dugger - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:26:22 PM

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Christina Dugger
1421 N Lavon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Christina Dugger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Dugger -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:34:40 AM

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1421 N Lavon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Christina Wilke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christina Wilke - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 2:12:57 PM

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Regards,
Christina Wilke
715 S Hebron Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: asina812@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Christine Cassisdy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christine Cassisdy-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:11:21 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Christine Cassisdy
810 COLLEGE HWY
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-1910

From: [Christine Marts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christine Marts - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:36:20 AM

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Thank you,
Christine Marts
4088 County Rd 75 E
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Christine Mochau](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christine Mochau - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:22:33 PM

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Regards,
Christine Mochau
5822 Polo Run
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Christopher Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Johnson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:21:15 AM

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Respectfully,
Christopher Johnson
566 Century Oaks Dr
Zionsville, IN 46077

From: [Christopher Pace](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Pace - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:38:05 AM

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Christopher Pace
8722 Whirlaway Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Christopher Richardson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Richardson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:51:44 PM

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I have lived in several places in the eastern United States and have never seen another utility bill even come close to my most recent CenterPoint bill and I only have electric service.

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Christopher Richardson
2618 Hawthorne Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Christopher Seibert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christopher Seibert -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:58:23 PM

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5451 John Will Rd
Poseyville, IN 47633

From: [Christy Mills \(christymillscrna@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:ChristyMills@sierraclub.org)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Christy Mills - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:05:18 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Christy Mills
4610 Fieldcrest Place Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630
christymillscrna@yahoo.com
(270) 871-5376

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From: [Chuck Polage](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chuck Polage - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:42:17 PM

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Regards,
Chuck Polage
837 Magnolia Dr
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Cindy Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Allen - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 12:37:23 PM

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Cindy Allen
1900 Elmendorf Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

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5718 Kenwood Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Cindy Freeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
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Respectfully,
Cindy Freeman
1431 Ashmore Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: cindy.macy@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cindy Macy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Macy - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:52:21 PM

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Cindy Macy
4155 ROSEVIEW CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-3401

From: [cindy.pyle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: cindy pyle - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:10:50 PM

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Respectfully,
cindy pyle
15047 2nd St
Blanford, IN 47831

From: [Cindy Schwitz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Schwitz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:11:27 AM

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Regards,
Cindy Schwitz
142 Hartin Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Clarissa Maxwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clarissa Maxwell - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:02 PM

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Respectfully,
Clarissa Maxwell
307 Indian Trail Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: clif.parker=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Clif Parker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clif Parker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:00:22 PM

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Clif Parker
854 STANLEY AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-3464

From: jgheuring@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Clinton Heuring](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clinton Heuring-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:07:17 PM

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Clinton Heuring
805 W ELM ST
HAUBSTADT IN, 47639-8173

From: [Clyde Glover](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clyde Glover - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:24:58 PM

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Respectfully,
Clyde Glover
8333 Kifer Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Collin Floyd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Collin Floyd - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:26:31 PM

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Collin Floyd
726 Runnymede Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Connie Almond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Almond - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:18:38 PM

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Connie Almond
600 Christ Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Connie Almond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Almond - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:19:02 PM

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600 Christ Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: cschnarre=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Connie Schnarre](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Schnarre - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 6:20:19 PM

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Connie Schnarre
711 ALYSSUM DR
Evansville IN, 47712-7624

From: cschnarre=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Connie Schnarre](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Schnarre - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:25:19 AM

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711 ALYSSUM DR
Evansville IN, 47712-7624

From: csisson2950@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Connie Sisson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Sisson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:19:19 PM

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Connie Sisson
7443 BRYCEN LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-7637

From: [Connie Stambush](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Connie Stambush -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:56:28 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I am so sick of no one standing up for the people of Evansville and instead giving CenterPoint anything it asks for. I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Connie Stambush
1662 Bayard Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Coral Laflen \(claflen@warrick.k12.in.us\)](mailto:claflen@warrick.k12.in.us) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Coral Laflen - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:06:25 AM

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Dear OUCC,

People living on fixed incomes and also families cannot afford these rate hikes. Energy vs. food.
Please, stop forcing citizens to choose!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Coral Laflen
319 N 1st St
Chandler, IN 47610
claflen@warrick.k12.in.us
(812) 925-6845

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From: [Cordell Chenault](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cordell Chenault - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:22:06 PM

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Respectfully,
Cordell Chenault
2729 N Green River Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Cori Fitzlaff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cori Fitzlaff - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:02 PM

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Respectfully,
Cori Fitzlaff
714 N Hart St
Princeton, IN 47670

From: [Cori Fitzlaff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cori Fitzlaff - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:11:47 PM

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714 N Hart St
Princeton, IN 47670

From: [Corrie Sarol](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Corrie Sarol - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:25:40 PM

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Corrie Sarol
1112 S Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Cory Webster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cory Webster - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 2:36:53 PM

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Cory Webster
1604 W Missouri St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: lilyadi=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Craig Beeson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Craig Beeson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:31:18 AM

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Craig Beeson
725 S BENNIGHOF AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-2021

From: [Cristal Todd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cristal Todd - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 9:08:05 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I received a bill in November of 2023 for \$250, my December bill was \$322. Then after the last increase you all allowed to center point in January of 2024 my bill was \$550. That was almost the 2 previous months combined. This company and their shareholders are making money hand over fist while the average person in Evansville Indiana struggles to pay our bills anymore because you keep allowing them to raise our rates every time we turn around. Are you in their back pockets or what?

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Cristal Todd
2012 S Red Bank Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Crystal Barnard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Crystal Barnard - REJECT Center Point Increase
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:13:00 PM

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My name is Crystal Barnard.

My husband and I recently bought a house in July 2023. We have nest thermostats set well with reasonable, conservative settings and also have the Eco option turned on. Our Center Point, all electric powered, bill for Summer and Fall 2023 averaged about \$250. Last months bill was almost \$700. I understand that there is a slight variation in the amount of days per billing cycle and change in temperature. But a \$450 increase with in 6 months is astronomical. The only gas we have to our house is a fire place. During the bitter cold week we that recently had, we decided to turn on our fireplace, for maybe one hour. We used exactly 27 cents worth of gas, but was charged \$20.89 in distribution and service fees. Now that I am aware, when I use zero gas, I am still charged almost \$17 in fees of a product I am not using.

I encourage you to listen with empathy and compassion to the residents who have shown up today and will be flooding email mailboxes tomorrow.

At the end of day, No one here can say that a rate increase from a monopoly makes sense. I ask for your support in not only denying the rate hike, but also investigate the service fees, distribution charges, and salaries and bonuses of the companies leaders.

Thank you for your time.

Crystal Barnard

19202 Fenwick Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Cynthia Dones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Dones - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:05:33 PM

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Respectfully,
Cynthia Dones
2110 Sheridan Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: wooz255@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cynthia Nelson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Nelson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:22:22 PM

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Thank you.

Cynthia Nelson
3825 Park Ridge dr
Evansville IN, 47715-1394

From: [Cynthia Trent](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Trent - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:20:52 AM

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Thank you,
Cynthia Trent
842 Lincoln Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Cynthia Wolf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Wolf - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:36:43 PM

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Respectfully,
Cynthia Wolf
208 S Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: lgguy30@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dan Mitchell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dan Mitchell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:06:17 PM

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Dan Mitchell
11400 STUTTGART FAHREN RD
WADESVILLE IN, 47638-9511

From: [Dan Mohr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dan Mohr - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:15:10 AM

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Thank you,
Dan Mohr
7124 Barter Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Dan Saylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dan Saylor -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:24:27 AM

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Respectfully,
Dan Saylor
7388 Bosma Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Dan Scavone](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dan Scavone - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:27:48 AM

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Respectfully,
Dan Scavone
1670 E Morgan Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: wells=rose-hulman.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dan Wells](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dan Wells-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:04:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Dan Wells
4509 MYSTIC CT
Evansville IN, 47715-8074

From: grannydieterle@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dana Dieterle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Dieterle - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:17:35 AM

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Dana Dieterle
4260 BLACKFORD RD E
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-8931

From: [Dana Schroeder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Schroeder -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:46:56 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Dana Schroeder
3525 Mary Anderson Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Dana Schroeder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Schroeder -Please SUPPORT Hoosier utility consumers and REJECT utility trackers
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 2:58:17 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

All Hoosiers need utility service to stay safe and healthy. I've noticed significant increases in my electric and gas bills over the past few years. I am very concerned for those struggling to keep up, especially those forced to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities.

The General Assembly has enabled rising utility costs by passing laws that give trackers (or bill riders) to Indiana's monopoly utilities. These trackers reduce regulatory oversight and increase profits for the utilities. One huge tracker state legislators gave to monopoly utilities is the TDSIC tracker (Transmission, Distribution, and Storage Improvement Charge). Since SEA 560 passed in 2013 and HEA 1470 passed in 2019, we've seen BILLIONS of dollars worth of utility bill hikes across Indiana as a result of this egregious tracker.

Hoosiers need and deserve affordable monthly utility bills. Please reject more trackers for the electric and gas monopolies. Please work to repeal legislation like the bills I mentioned so that all Hoosier households have a fair shake in the utility ratemaking process. And please push hard to ensure that we protect public health by adopting common sense policies to insulate those struggling the most, like limiting excessive deposit and reconnection fees, and utility debt repayment plans based on customers ability to pay.

Regards,
Dana Schroeder
3525 Mary Anderson Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Dana Shoulders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Shoulders - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:15:02 AM

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Regards,
Dana Shoulders
7699 Jeremy Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Dana Tang](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Tang - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:18:57 PM

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Dana Tang
2309 Vogel Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: dana=techtheatre4teachers.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [DANA TAYLOR](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: DANA TAYLOR-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:03:21 PM

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DANA TAYLOR
7209 E WALNUT ST
Evansville IN, 47715-3650

From: dsmills1024@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dana Thompson Malone](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dana Thompson Malone - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:50:23 PM

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Dana Thompson Malone
2524 E MISSOURI ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-4914

From: danachristian53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [DANALEE CHRISTIAN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: DANALEE CHRISTIAN - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:46:19 PM

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DANALEE CHRISTIAN
2805 HILLCREST TER
Evansville IN, 47712-5059

From: [Daniel Bowman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Bowman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:51:01 PM

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Respectfully,
Daniel Bowman
901 N 4th Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: cdcoyle1986@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Daniel Coyle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Coyle - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:10:26 PM

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Dan Coyle

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Daniel Coyle
8101 PINE CREEK DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-4935

From: [Aj schentrup](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Devor - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:05:27 PM

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Regards,
Aj schentrup
26 N Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: dan_devor=anchorinc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Daniel Devor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Devor - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:06:26 PM

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Daniel Devor
704 S CULLEN AVE
Evansville IN, 47715-4140

From: dandunlap1955=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Daniel Dunlap](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Dunlap-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:46:17 PM

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Daniel Dunlap
304 S 5TH AVE
Haubstadt IN, 47639-8222

From: [Daniel Isley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Isley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:36:50 PM

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Daniel Isley
517 S Rambler Rd
Muncie, IN 47304

From: jrnymandan=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Daniel Lahay](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Lahay - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:29:21 PM

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Daniel Lahay
42 E CHIMES DR
SANTA CLAUS IN, 47579-6099

From: [Daniel Mohr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Mohr - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:46:25 AM

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Respectfully,
Daniel Mohr
7124 Barter Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: dbaltzell32@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Danielle Baltzell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Danielle Baltzell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:11:19 PM

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Danielle Baltzell
1714 S GARVIN ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47713-2032

From: [Danielle Cannon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Danielle Cannon -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:20:19 PM

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Thank you,
Danielle Cannon
7120 Powell Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Danielle clark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Danielle clark -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 6:55:16 PM

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Respectfully,
Danielle clark
6123 Pfafflin Lake Blvd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Darian Wheeler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darian Wheeler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:17:27 PM

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Regards,
Darian Wheeler
663 Sweetser Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Darlene Flake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darlene Flake -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 2:37:03 PM

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Respectfully,
Darlene Flake
1316 S Bosse Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Darlene Flake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darlene Flake -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 8:57:18 AM

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Darlene Flake
1316 S Bosse Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: dwhealy=roadrunner.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Darrel Healy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darrel Healy-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:25:19 PM

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Darrel Healy
8888 Woodland Dr Newburgh
Newburgh IN, 47630-2406

From: dwhealy=roadrunner.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Darrel Healy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darrel Healy-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:27:26 PM

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8888 WOODLAND DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2406

From: [Darrel Whiting](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darrel Whiting - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:52:34 AM

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Darrel Whiting
5207 W Mill Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: darrtaylor62@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Darrell Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Darrell Taylor - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:28:20 PM

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Darrell Taylor
843 SOUTH ST
Rockport IN, 47635-8610

From: [Dave Kingston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dave Kingston - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 6:45:54 PM

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Dave Kingston
7800 Bartels Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Dave Kingston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dave Kingston - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:23:00 PM

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7800 Bartels Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: dbailey420@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Bailey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Bailey - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:40:17 PM

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David Bailey
2509 KATHLEEN AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-4409

From: [David Carlson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Carlson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:11:25 PM

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Regards,
David Carlson
231 68th Pl
Scherverville, IN 46375

From: cutsinger.david.l@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Cutsinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Cutsinger-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:05:03 PM

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David Cutsinger
315 South Stormont
Princeton IN, 47670-2231

From: dlinley777@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Finley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Finley-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:28:22 PM

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David Finley
4153 W COUNTY ROAD 200 N
Rockport IN, 47635-9229

From: [david hobbs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: david hobbs -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:12:04 PM

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Regards,
david hobbs
1754 Midland Dr
Franklin, IN 46131

From: [David Horning](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Horning -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:03:33 PM

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Regards,
David Horning
2821 Oak View Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [David Irions](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Irions - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:08:13 AM

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Regards,
David Irions
24444 Gerencser Dr
South Bend, IN 46614

From: dj1302@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Julian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Julian-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:11:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

David Julian
1302 MACARTHUR DR
Evansville IN, 47714-3108

From: skauf8484@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Kaufman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Kaufman - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 7:09:21 PM

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David Kaufman
16307 N COUNTY ROAD 625 E
SANTA CLAUS IN, 47579-9717

From: dakempf56@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Kempf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Kempf - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:02:22 PM

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David Kempf
8242 EDENTON DR
Evansville IN, 47715-8322

From: anotherpolishjoke@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David KUKLA](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David KUKLA-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:31:21 AM

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David KUKLA
801 E. Oak St.
Apt-A2
Fort Branch IN, 47648-1669

From: dlottes74@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Lottes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Lottes-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:07:42 PM

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David Lottes
6946 UPPER MOUNT VERNON RD
Evansville IN, 47712-2963

From: [David Mohr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Mohr - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:18:29 AM

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Respectfully,
David Mohr
7220 Barter Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: dmoshenek@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Moshenek](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Moshenek - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:25:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

David Moshenek
221 E VIRGINIA ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-5529

From: [David Ott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Ott - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:04:31 PM

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Regards,
David Ott
6155 S 650 E
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [David Quinn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Quinn - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:01:47 PM

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Respectfully,
David Quinn
719 Kent Ave
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [david russell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: david russell - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:50:05 PM

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Respectfully,
david russell
334 Wabash Cir
Chandler, IN 47610

From: huntingdls@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Seals](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Seals - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:15:23 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

David Seals
2521 BONAIRE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6793

From: searsdw@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Sears](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Sears - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:49:19 PM

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David Sears
7033 MCDANIEL DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8023

From: bdsmith5860@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Smith-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:14:21 PM

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David Smith
PO BOX 392
324 Ashburn Road
Santa Claus IN, 47579-0392

From: [David Straka](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Straka - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:54:01 AM

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Thank you,
David Straka
1823 Treelane Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [David Straka](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Straka - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:51:12 AM

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Respectfully,
David Straka
1823 Treelane Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [David Straka](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Straka - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:23:54 AM

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1823 Treelane Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [David Uhr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Uhr - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 7:15:32 PM

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David Uhr
1101 Brentwood Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [David Wolf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Wolf - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:46:10 PM

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Respectfully,
David Wolf
5305 Hallmark Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: daveyounger1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Younker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Younker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:01:19 PM

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David Younker
2358 ADAMS AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-3157

From: [Davin Breeze](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Davin Breeze - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:29:33 PM

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Thank you,
Davin Breeze
1315 Mockingbird Ln
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Davin Breeze](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Davin Breeze - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:00:48 AM

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1315 Mockingbird Ln
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Dawn Ary](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dawn Ary - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 5:40:18 PM

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3919 W Columbia St
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Dawn Sherfield](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dawn Sherfield - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:30:07 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Dawn Sherfield
907 N Kathleen Cir
Westport, IN 47283

From: dc=sweetssystems.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [dc sweets](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: dc sweets - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:40:23 AM

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Dear

Enough Is Enough!!!!

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult. Some have to question whether they will pay the electric bill, or buy groceries this month. Please bear in mind that many of us live on a very fixed budget

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you
Donna C. Sweets
7099 Stonebridge Road
Newburgh, Indiana

Thank you.

dc sweets
7099 stonebridge
Newburgh IN, 47630-1705

From: dean.becher=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dean Becher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dean Becher-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:13:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Dean Becher
4366 PARTRIDGE PL
Newburgh IN, 47630-8381

From: [Dean Winiger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dean Winiger - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 4:58:53 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Dean Winiger
7620 Gun Club Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: deemedler@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Deanna Medler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deanna Medler-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:07:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Deanna Medler
829 JACKSON AVE
Evansville IN, 47713-2654

From: [Deanna Odney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deanna Odney - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:52:04 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Deanna Odney
525 Pleasant View Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Deaven Grannan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deaven Grannan - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:50:19 PM

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Thank you,
Deaven Grannan
311 N 7th St
Vincennes, IN 47591

From: [Deb Dockery](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deb Dockery - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:05:34 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Deb Dockery
4815 Koester Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Deb Nelson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deb Nelson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:40:41 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

As a Hoosier mom, please reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year while they make plenty of profit from regular Hoosiers trying to get by? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Deb Nelson
3610 Oriole Dr
Columbus, IN 47203

From: [Deb Schultz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deb Schultz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:48:16 PM

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Regards,
Deb Schultz
1621 S Main St
Clinton, IN 47842

From: [Debbie Albin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Albin - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 4:45:07 PM

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Thank you,
Debbie Albin
1508 Hollywood Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Debbie Chastain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debbie Chastain - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 5:47:33 PM

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Thank you,
Debbie Chastain
11142 Lower Mt Vernon Rd
Evansville, IN 47620

From: [debbie ipock](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: debbie ipock - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:21:15 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
debbie ipock
908 James Dr
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Deborah Dockery](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Dockery - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 11:25:40 AM

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Respectfully,
Deborah Dockery
4815 Koester Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: debjeffries55@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Deborah Jeffries](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Jeffries-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:39:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Deborah Jeffries
1408 PLAZA DR
Evansville IN, 47715-5246

From: [Deborah Jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Jones - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:57:07 PM

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Respectfully,
Deborah Jones
20 Village Pkwy
Pendleton, IN 46064

From: scarlet.flamingo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Deborah Long](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Long-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:44:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Deborah Long
3866 CARMONA DR APT 8A
Newburgh IN, 47630-2961

From: [Deborah Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Moore - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:16:55 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,
Deborah Moore
3723 Parkview Way
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

From: debbie.staley@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Deborah Staley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Staley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 9:54:18 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Deborah Staley
4708 BAYWOOD CT
Evansville IN, 47725-7549

From: [Deborah Yager](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Yager - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:16:57 AM

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Regards,
Deborah Yager
215 Rosemarie Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Debra beck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra beck - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:49:19 PM

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Respectfully,
Debra beck
1617 Harmony Way
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Debra Chandler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Chandler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:23:57 AM

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Respectfully,
Debra Chandler
6421 Colonial Ave
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Debra CIssna](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra CIssna - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:28:13 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Debra CIssna
1917 S Werner Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Debra CIssna](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra CIssna -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:27:23 AM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Debra CIssna
1917 S Werner Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Debra Emge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Emge -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024 5:39:30 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Debra Emge
11929 Vienna Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Debra Meza \(hotladyinind@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:hotladyinind@yahoo.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Meza - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:38:32 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Debra Meza
915 Mary St
Evansville, IN 47710
hotladyinind@yahoo.com
(812) 422-1583

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From: [Debra Perzo](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra Perzo - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:02 AM

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Regards,
Debra Perzo
409 W South St
Crown Point, IN 46307

From: [Debra. Cissna](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Debra. Cissna - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:21:25 PM

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Debra. Cissna
1917 S Werner Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: bigbd441@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [deidre hunt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: deidre hunt - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:04:18 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

deidre hunt
437 S BEDFORD AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47713-2507

From: [Delbert Heerdink](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Delbert Heerdink - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:49:32 PM

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Respectfully,
Delbert Heerdink
1322 E Columbia St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Delma Mindel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Delma Mindel - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:03:00 PM

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Regards,
Delma Mindel
145 W Walnut St
Zionsville, IN 46077

From: [Denise Kohut](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Denise Kohut - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:32:18 PM

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Respectfully,
Denise Kohut
5613 Forest Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Denise Torstrick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Denise Torstrick -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:00:09 PM

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Respectfully,
Denise Torstrick
1730 McDonald Ln
New Albany, IN 47150

From: [Dennis D.Kern](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis D.Kern -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:36:37 PM

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Regards,
Dennis D.Kern
2754 N County Rd 1000 E
Seymour, IN 47274

From: [Dennis Faulstich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Faulstich -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024 1:27:42 PM

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Thank you,
Dennis Faulstich
2104 S Valley Ave
Marion, IN 46953

From: linbergco=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dennis Hellenberg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Hellenberg-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:19:23 PM

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Dennis Hellenberg
1013 FARM BUREAU RD
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-7607

From: [Dennis Lamar](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Lamar - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:12:37 PM

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Thank you,
Dennis Lamar
1737 Bonnie View Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Dennis Mullins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Mullins -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:36:14 PM

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Thank you,
Dennis Mullins
1113 County Rd 42 W
Rockport, IN 47635

From: [Dennis Mullins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Mullins -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:37:44 PM

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1113 County Rd 42 W
Rockport, IN 47635

From: djsearcy=hughes.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dennis Searcy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Searcy-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:22:18 PM

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Dennis Searcy
1820 SAVAH RD
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-8107

From: adclobes=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [DENNY Clobes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: DENNY Clobes - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:12:26 AM

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Thank you, Dennis and April Clobes 5573 Schneider Rd., Newburgh, IN

Thank you.

DENNY Clobes
5573 SCHNEIDER RD
Newburgh IN, 47630-9545

From: [Derek Reuter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Derek Reuter - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:41:57 AM

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Respectfully,
Derek Reuter
1332 South St
Lafayette, IN 47901

From: [Derrick Hill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Derrick Hill -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:08:26 PM

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Respectfully,
Derrick Hill
9429 Ashworth Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Desirae Chavez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Desirae Chavez -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 12:54:14 PM

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We are a family of 5 who has done everything in its power to conserve energy. We have replaced window to tripple pain. We have re done all the insulation throughout the house. We keep our smart thermostat set at 67 in winter and 80 in the summer. Also during the summer i only run the air at night. Neither one of those set temps make for a comfortable living situation either. Its either freezing or its either too hot. This is highway robbery. The other thing i would like to add 934.00 was my bill this last January, that is a second mortgage no one should have to deal with. Who can afford this. Its bankrupting the citizens of Evansville and it is criminal. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Thank you,
Desirae Chavez
7310 Olive St
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Desirae Chavez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Desirae Chavez -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 11:43:45 PM

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Respectfully,
Desirae Chavez
7310 Olive St
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Destiny Everhart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Destiny Everhart - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:17:40 PM

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Respectfully,
Destiny Everhart
5416 Carriage Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Destiny Showalter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Destiny Showalter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:01 PM

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Destiny Showalter
1905 S Weinbach Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Devan Grammer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Devan Grammer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 5:28:03 PM

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Regards,
Devan Grammer
1230 SE 2nd St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Devin Milburn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Devin Milburn - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:32:42 PM

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Thank you,
Devin Milburn
118 Colonial Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Devin Milburn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Devin Milburn - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:45:36 PM

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Devin Milburn
118 Colonial Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Deyton King](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deyton King -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:04:16 AM

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My family is really struggling to even keep the lights on, we live in the constant cold and the bills aren't changing. We need leadership. We need our legislation to fight for its people.

Regards,
Deyton King
364 Rosenberger Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Dezarae Sandleben](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dezarae Sandleben - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:24:58 PM

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Regards,
Dezarae Sandleben
4501 Bayard Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Diana Conrad](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Conrad - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 6:23:54 PM

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Respectfully,
Diana Conrad
2931 Broadway Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: dpvanhooks@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Diana VanHooks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana VanHooks - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:46:18 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Diana VanHooks
PO BOX 1091
Evansville IN, 47706-1091

From: [Diana Voight](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Voight - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:27:04 PM

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Respectfully,
Diana Voight
1620 Broadmoor St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: momanator1290@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Diana Voight](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Voight-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:38:18 PM

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Diana Voight
1620 BROADMOOR AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-3806

From: [Diane Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diane Brown -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:37:15 PM

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Regards,
Diane Brown
2819 S Villa Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Diane Kelley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diane Kelley -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:25:39 PM

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Respectfully,
Diane Kelley
134 Ivy Hill Dr
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Diane Kelley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diane Kelley -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:25:56 PM

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From: [Dianna Reese](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dianna Reese - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:29:19 PM

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Respectfully,
Dianna Reese
258 S Sonntag Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Dominique Goad](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dominique Goad -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:11:19 AM

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Being a single mom of two working full time and over time every week hardly pays my bills now. How are we supposed to survive another spike. I work nights. Sleep during the day with no use of electricity. Kids don't hardly use any electricity either and yet my bill keeps going up when I do nothing different! Please Reject this Spike!!!

Respectfully,
Dominique Goad
640 Yankee Ln
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Don Schisler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Don Schisler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:44:17 PM

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Respectfully,
Don Schisler
4701 S Posey County Line Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Donald Magel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Magel - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:07:26 PM

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Thank you,
Donald Magel
717 S Norman Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: drodd99@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donald Rodd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Rodd-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:57:17 PM

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Donald Rodd
9129 VALLEY VIEW DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-7806

From: don.steinmetz=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donald Steinmetz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Steinmetz - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:59:17 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Donald Steinmetz
253 E 750 S
Fort Branch IN, 47648-8410

From: [Donald Swartz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Swartz - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:33:08 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Donald Swartz
5500 Byerson Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Donald Weil](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donald Weil - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:51:19 AM

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Donald Weil
806 Agathon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: dnlnbkr65@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donna Becker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Becker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:00:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Donna Becker
1524 CONLIN AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-4241

From: [Donna Carrico](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Carrico - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:32:31 PM

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Donna Carrico
3313 Austin Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: donnadriskell=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donna Driskell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Driskell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:21:26 PM

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Donna Driskell
1099 E STATE ROUTE 62
Boonville IN, 47601-9158

From: [Donna Gates](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Gates - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 6:26:21 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Donna Gates
8435 Burch Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Donna Hales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Hales - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:19:18 PM

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Regards,
Donna Hales
618 E Louisiana St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: scrmom27@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donna Latham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Latham -Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:26:24 PM

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Thank you.

Donna Latham
3233 WOODVIEW DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8443

From: [Donna Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Ricketts - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:22:53 PM

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Respectfully,
Donna Ricketts
4413 Chadwick Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: djricketts53@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Donna Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Ricketts-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:45:23 PM

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Donna Ricketts
4413 Chadwick Rd
Evansville IN, 47710-3730

From: [Donna Strauss](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Strauss - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:22:15 PM

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Regards,
Donna Strauss
1171 Gary Ct
Elkhart, IN 46516

From: [Dorcas West](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dorcas West - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:20:16 PM

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Respectfully,
Dorcas West
2900 Stevens Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: ddannheiser=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Doris D](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doris D-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:10:25 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Doris D
7000 MESKER PARK DR
Evansville IN, 47720-7728

From: kenny.dorie@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Doris Kenny](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doris Kenny-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:30:22 PM

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Thank you.

Doris Kenny
3000 TIARA LN
Evansville IN, 47711-4082

From: djricketts53@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Doris Metz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doris Metz-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:42:19 PM

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Doris Metz
106 N Tekoppel Ave
Evansville IN, 47712-5757

From: [Doug Alexander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Alexander - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:49:05 PM

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Thank you,
Doug Alexander
12775 Tibarand Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Doug Hartman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Hartman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:05:06 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

This proposal is outrageous! It would be one thing if our community were affluent and Centerpoint were truly struggling as a corporate entity. We would find a rate increase annoying, but would ultimately understand. Neither of those things are true, however!! Centerpoint does NOT need to further soak this already struggling community to make ends meet.

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Thank you,
Doug Hartman
1205 Mockingbird Ln
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Doug Lane](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Lane - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:46 AM

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Respectfully,
Doug Lane
1115 Eastridge Dr
New Albany, IN 47150

From: [Doug Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Martin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:56:35 PM

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Respectfully,
Doug Martin
430 E Wood Ave
Clinton, IN 47842

From: [Doug Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Martin -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 9:48:48 AM

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Doug Martin
430 E Wood Ave
Clinton, IN 47842

From: [Douglas Paprocki](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Douglas Paprocki - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:47:39 AM

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Respectfully,
Douglas Paprocki
1629 Skyline Rd
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: [Dustin Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dustin Moore - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:58:00 PM

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Respectfully,
Dustin Moore
401 Dreier Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Dustin Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dustin Moore - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:13 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990. Also, it is ridiculous that we have to go through all of these nonsense meetings and protests and things like this e-mail. Take time out of our lives to argue a rich company to be less greedy.

Also, why is it that this company, that says they don't make significant profit, "Donates" to different things? Like the Covid relief? So, how can the company that doesn't make enough \$ afford to donate \$ and then i'm assuming the company writes the donations off at the end of the year. If the donations are not written off, then how is a company that is supposedly hurting financially, (since they are constantly raising rates) able to afford to donate?

This is the stuff that is eyebrow raising.

Thank you,
Dustin Moore
401 Dreier Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: bglehr@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gail Lehr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gail Lehr - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 12:38:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Gail Lehr
350 WOODWARD DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-7337

From: g.olson=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gail Olson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gail Olson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:31:21 PM

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Gail Olson
1690 W HILLSDALE RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-5022

From: [Garett Strandemo](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Garett Standemo - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:13:52 AM

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Respectfully,
Garett Strandemo
8928 Claiborne Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: gary=bookkeeps.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Garold Evans](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Garold Evans - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:22:21 PM

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Thank you.

Garold Evans
1222 N County Road 850 W
Richland IN, 47634-9066

From: [Garrett Gamblin \(garrettgamblin@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:garrettgamblin@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Garrett Gamblin - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:49:32 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Garrett Gamblin
335 Nunning Rd
Evansville, IN 47712
garrettgamblin@gmail.com
(812) 774-7207

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From: judimorg@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Garry Morgan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Garry Morgan - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:18:22 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Garry Morgan
4048 E DEERLAND DR
Haubstadt IN, 47639-7856

From: glbise@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gary Bise](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary Bise - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:47:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Gary Bise
331 Broadway Street
Oakland City IN, 47660-1303

From: [Gary burdsall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary burdsall - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:26:21 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Gary burdsall
509 Wind Cir S
Evansville, IN 47711

From: kfix53055=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gary Fox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary Fox - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:09:11 PM

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Gary Fox
2199 crosswalk Lane
Newburgh IN, 47630-8029

From: [Gary swallows](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary Swallows - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:15:45 AM

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Gary swallows
322 Fuquay Rd
Chandler, IN 47610

From: garywhitesr.56@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gary White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary White-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:04:18 PM

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Gary White
1002 W 3RD ST
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-1614

From: gawink=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gary Wink](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gary Wink - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:14:20 PM

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Gary Wink
7201 HOGUE RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-2921

From: [Gemma Mahinay](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gemma Mahinay - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:35:39 PM

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Thank you,
Gemma Mahinay
3325 Yale Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Gena Garrett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gena Garrett - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:10:08 PM

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Respectfully,
Gena Garrett
2118 Bayard Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Geneva Stroud](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Geneva Stroud -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 1:22:58 PM

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THIS IS ALSO MAKING LIFE IMPOSSIBLE FOR DISABLED, VETERANS, SENIORS. Fixed income makes it hard as it is and to have utilities increase to outrageous amounts makes it worse. Something has to be cut out and sometimes that's good or medicines. And with that people are getting sick or in hospitals or dying. I wouldn't want that on my Conscience if I was in a place I could stop this. Please help the low impact people. Yes, I'm one of these people on disability.

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Geneva Stroud
2678 W Maryland St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: geniegard@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Genie Gard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Genie Gard - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:26:19 AM

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Genie Gard
5710 W OLD PRINCETON RD
Owensville IN, 47665-9207

From: barnesa431@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [George Barnes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: George Barnes-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 6:19:16 PM

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George Barnes
952 RAVENSWOOD DR
Evansville IN, 47713-2628

From: [Gerald Gingras](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gerald Gingras - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:55:12 AM

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Respectfully,
Gerald Gingras
318 Marquette Ave
South Bend, IN 46617

From: [Gigie Hyneman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gigie Hyneman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:54:26 AM

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Respectfully,
Gigie Hyneman
1754 S Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Gina Clawson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gina Clawson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 1:30:28 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Gina Clawson
4415 Emma Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Gina Flake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gina Flake - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:35:46 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Gina Flake
3311 Wimberg Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: beckywoods0@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ginger Woods](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ginger Woods-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:06:19 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Ginger Woods
4211 SEIB RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-7636

From: [Ginny Camp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ginny Camp - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:20:34 PM

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Ginny Camp
7555 Yankeetown Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Gladys Paniamogan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gladys Paniamogan - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:22:58 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Gladys Paniamogan
3328 Oaklyn Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Glenda Reynolds](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Glenda Reynolds - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:59:42 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Glenda Reynolds
10439 Eastgate Dr N
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Glenn Boberg \(grbalph157omega@aol.com\)](mailto:grbalph157omega@aol.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Glenn Boberg - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:45:42 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Glenn Boberg
2802 Lazycreek Ct
Evansville, IN 47720
grbalph157omega@aol.com
(812) 598-3974

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From: [Gloria Meredith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gloria Meredith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:31:42 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Gloria Meredith
5106 Winding Way
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Gloria watson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gloria Watson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:52:48 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,
Gloria watson
253 E Wood Ave
Universal, IN 47884

From: [Grace Strange](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Grace Strange - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:15:58 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am FURIOUS by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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Respectfully,
Grace Strange
1206 Parrett St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Grant Loehrlein](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Grant Loehrlein - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:53:02 AM

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Thank you,
Grant Loehrlein
499 Old Plank Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Greg Plouchard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Greg Plouchard - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:44:02 PM

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Respectfully,
Greg Plouchard
3301 Ferguson Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Greg Skelton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Greg Skelton - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 11:53:28 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Greg Skelton
4406 E Chapel Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Gregory Davis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Davis - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:24:35 PM

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Respectfully,
Gregory Davis
634 Reis Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Gregory Davis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Davis - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:26:53 AM

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Regards,
Gregory Davis
634 Reis Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: gluek1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gregory Lueken](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Lueken-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:20:25 PM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Gregory Lueken
8298 YORKRIDGE DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2715

From: [Gregory Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Smith -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 3:58:04 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,
Gregory Smith
9909 W Gallagher Way
Yorktown, IN 47396

From: [Gwen Lindsey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gwen Lindsey - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:13:47 AM

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Thank you,
Gwen Lindsey
1707 Bannerstone Dr
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Gwendolyn McTaggart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gwendolyn McTaggart - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:47:40 AM

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Respectfully,
Gwendolyn McTaggart
541 E Buena Vista Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Haleigh Angel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Haleigh Angel - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:46:10 PM

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Regards,
Haleigh Angel
2812 B St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Haley Terhune](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Haley Terhune - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:55:23 AM

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Respectfully,
Haley Terhune
15900 Volkman Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Han Garrett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Han Garrett -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:00:45 PM

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Thank you,
Han Garrett
5087 Lakeside Ct
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Hannah Hartzler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hannah Hartzler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:54:06 PM

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Hannah Hartzler
1729 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Hannah hurt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hannah hurt - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:03 PM

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Thank you,
Hannah hurt
8377 Sycamore Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Harper Jimmie](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Harper Jimmie - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:50:50 AM

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Respectfully,
Harper Jimmie
515 Dubois St
Vincennes, IN 47591

From: [Harriet Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Harriet Moore -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:46:14 PM

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Thank you,
Harriet Moore
725 E Seminary St
Greencastle, IN 46135

From: rharrison3511@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Harry R Harrison](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Harry R Harrison - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 4:23:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Harry R Harrison
3511 STEVENS RD
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-8967

From: [Heather Schmuck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Schmuck - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:45:27 PM

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Respectfully,
Heather Schmuck
5751 St Charles Dr
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Heather Swinney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Heather Swinney - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:13:58 AM

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Respectfully,
Heather Swinney
1606 Hedden Park
New Albany, IN 47150

From: [Helen Geglio](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Helen Geglio - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:38:04 AM

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Thank you,
Helen Geglio
216 Wakewa Ave
South Bend, IN 46617

From: [Hema Prasad](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hema Prasad - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:26:04 AM

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Thank you,
Hema Prasad
1087 Jefferson Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Hema Prasad](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hema Prasad -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:43:29 PM

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Hema Prasad
1087 Jefferson Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Henry Copeland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Henry Copeland - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:59:19 AM

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Respectfully,
Henry Copeland
3359 Boone St
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [holly hogan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: holly hogan - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:30:12 AM

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Respectfully,
holly hogan
3808 Evergreen Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: hwtri@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Holly Will](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Holly Will-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:30:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Holly Will
9101 OLD MOUNT VERNON RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-9429

From: [Hope Fussner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Hope Fussner -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 10:47:21 PM

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Regards,
Hope Fussner
1231 SE Riverside Dr
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Irene Hardin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Irene Hardin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:01:56 PM

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Respectfully,
Irene Hardin
605 W Sigler St
Hebron, IN 46341

From: [isaac standifird](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: isaac standifird - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:00:25 PM

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Respectfully,
isaac standifird
2913 N Grand Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Ivy Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ivy Smith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:35:25 PM

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Respectfully,
Ivy Smith
4723 S 4th St
Velpen, IN 47590

From: jackhammer55=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jack Briody](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jack Briody-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:15:27 PM

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Don't push back against this request, tell CenterPoint NO! If this increase is granted all of you need to be replaced with people who are in touch with reality.

Thank you

Thank you.

Jack Briody
3400 HARTMETZ AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-4809

From: [Jack Graves](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jack Graves - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:17:34 AM

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Respectfully,
Jack Graves
2014 E Powell Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jack Kidwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jack Kidwell - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:16:51 PM

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Respectfully,
Jack Kidwell
421 S Meridian St
Greentown, IN 46936

From: [Jackie Milender](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jackie Milender - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:35:34 AM

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Thank you,
Jackie Milender
4030 S Creekside Dr
New Palestine, IN 46163

From: [Jacob Majors](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacob Majors - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:07:11 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Jacob Majors
1107 Jefferson Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: metzingerjacqueline@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jacqueline Metzinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacqueline Metzinger-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:47:17 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Jacqueline Metzinger
1313 OLIVE ST
Evansville IN, 47714-1107

From: [Jacqueline Sizemore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacqueline Sizemore - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:39:44 AM

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Respectfully,
Jacqueline Sizemore
15009 Maple St
Brookville, IN 47012

From: [Jacquelyn Banks \(jacquelynrtudela@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:jacquelynrtudela@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacquelyn Banks - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:44:58 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Banks
2060 bayard park drive
Evansville, IN 47714
jacquelynrtudela@gmail.com
(812) 480-3990

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From: [Jacquelyn russell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacquelyn russell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:25:08 PM

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Regards,
Jacquelyn russell
8553 County Rd 550 N
Tennyson, IN 47637

From: jackiecoleman89@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jacques Coleman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jacques Coleman-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:40:17 AM

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Thank you.

Jacques Coleman
645 JEFFERSON AVE
Evansville IN, 47713-2216

From: [Jaimee DeVous](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jaimee DeVous -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:55:23 PM

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Regards,
Jaimee DeVous
1015 Johannes Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [James Beierlein](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Beierlein - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:35:07 AM

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Respectfully,
James Beierlein
18145 Old State Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: James.Davis=rb.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Davis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Davis - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:31:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

James Davis
50 N Faith Way
Evansville IN, 47712-2979

From: [James Farmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Farmer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:27:52 PM

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Respectfully,
James Farmer
611 E Blue Ridge Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [James Franz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Franz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 2:05:31 PM

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Regards,
James Franz
6711 Simpson Rd
Gentryville, IN 47537

From: [James Hale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Hale - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:26:41 PM

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Regards,
James Hale
1165 W 400 N
Angola, IN 46703

From: [James Herr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Herr - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:20:43 PM

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Regards,
James Herr
6520 Laura Ln
Evansville, IN 47720

From: jjolley=sitex-corp.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Jolley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Jolley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:49:22 PM

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James Jolley
907 NICHOLAS DR
Boonville IN, 47601-2425

From: [James Petitjean](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Petitjean - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:55:32 PM

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Regards,
James Petitjean
12608 S 350 E
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: [James Ross](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Ross - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:25:50 AM

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Regards,
James Ross
7466 Johnson St
Merrillville, IN 46410

From: [James Webster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Webster - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:03 PM

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Thank you,
James Webster
4189 High St
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [James Yoder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Yoder -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:04:47 PM

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Thank you,
James Yoder
2360 Redspire Blvd
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Jamie Heeke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jamie Heeke -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 6:19:48 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am in the process of getting a divorce and moving into my own home. I don't make much money and can barely afford to live as it is. I worry that a rate hike will be too much for me. Centerpoint bills are already unsustainably high. Residents cannot afford this.

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Thank you,
Jamie Heeke
5920 #6 School Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Jamie Sandoval](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jamie Sandoval - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 12:20:53 AM

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Thank you,
Jamie Sandoval
27 W Iowa St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Jamie Sandoval](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jamie Sandoval -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:17:53 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Jamie Sandoval
27 W Iowa St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Jan Adler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jan Adler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:51:16 AM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Jan Adler
8328 Ellsworth Ct
Merrillville, IN 46410

From: [Jan Ayrs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jan Ayrs - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:47:24 PM

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Regards,
Jan Ayrs
1207 Bowden Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Jan McBride](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jan McBride -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:35:59 PM

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Regards,
Jan McBride
808 Kingswood Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [JANA STEWART](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jana Stewart-Center Point Energy proposed rate hike
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:14:05 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to voice my opinion about the possible rate hike by Center Point. As a senior citizen living in Vanderburgh County, I find this idea untenable on so many levels. My being on a fixed income myself, and higher bills for my children trying to make ends meet is a scary thought. We live in Vanderburgh County because we love it here. It's unfair that the proposed rate hike would make our bills higher than some who live out of state whose power comes from Center Point. An across-the-board rate hike wouldn't even allow for lower electric bills in the summertime when we aren't using our furnaces. The price for natural gas was recently raised. This is just a double whammy.

Please do the right thing and scrap this idea. Maybe take some funds away from your CEO's big bonuses and show that you appreciate your customer base by not increasing our rates.

Sincerely,
Jana Stewart
Evansville, Indiana
customer of Center Point Energy

From: janeannbradford@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jane Ann Bradford](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Ann Bradford - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:35:23 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Jane Ann Bradford
8318 HIGH POINTE DR APT 26G
Newburgh IN, 47630-3197

From: [Jane Duesterberg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Duesterberg - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 10:50:44 AM

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Many of us were surprised and shocked with an unexpected January Centerpoint bill that more than doubled any previous bills. How are the most vulnerable expected to absorb that increase with no time to plan for it?

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

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Thank you,
Jane Duesterberg
31 Jefferson Ave Ste 107
Evansville, IN 47713

From: jhaag=evansville.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [JANE HAAG](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Haag - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:46:24 AM

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Thank you
Jane Haag
5455 Blue Ridge Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Thank you.

JANE HAAG
5455 BLUE RIDGE DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-2169

From: [Jane Krause](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Krause -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 11:08:50 AM

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Regards,
Jane Krause
2200 W 3rd St
Hobart, IN 46342

From: jane6313=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jane Luigs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Luigs - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:20:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Jane Luigs
6313 W MILL RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-2031

From: tweety575757@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jane Weimer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Weimer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:34:21 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Jane Weimer
1639 E BLACKFORD AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-2041

From: [Janelle Couture](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janelle Couture -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:34:37 PM

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Regards,
Janelle Couture
3015 Whitegate Dr
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

From: [Janet Alvey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Alvey -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:57:55 PM

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Thank you,
Janet Alvey
3707 Hartford Pl
Evansville, IN 47725

From: janetcorrea57@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janet Correa](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Correa - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:09:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Janet Correa
8318 WOLF CREEK CT
Evansville IN, 47712-7634

From: [Janet Cummins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Cummins - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:41:54 PM

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Regards,
Janet Cummins
5712 Madison Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: janienindy@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janet Emmert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Emmert-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:54:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Janet Emmert
4412 BACALL CV
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-3800

From: [Janet Kilbane](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Kilbane -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:31:54 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Janet Kilbane
10633 County Rd 509 S
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: jkreidford@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janet Reidford](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Reidford - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:45:18 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Janet Reidford
4144 SURREY WAY
Evansville IN, 47725-7458

From: jsmock=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janet Smock](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Smock - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:48:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Janet Smock
2940 MOORING RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-8165

From: [Janett Simmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janett Simmons - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:26:54 PM

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Thank you,
Janett Simmons
Warrick County
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Janice Folz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janice Folz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 5:00:16 PM

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Regards,
Janice Folz
2700 St George Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Janice Jillson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janice Jillson -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:35:25 PM

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8194 Shore Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Janie Marlow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janie Marlow - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:16:26 PM

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Respectfully,
Janie Marlow
1113 W Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Janine Scales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janine Scales - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:03:41 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Janine Scales
917 N Kelsey Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jann Ulrich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jann Ulrich - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 7:47:08 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Jann Ulrich
2122 E Florida St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jarad Lear](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jarad Lear - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2:53:50 PM

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Respectfully,
Jarad Lear
2325 Sharon Pl
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Jared smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jared smith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:05:10 PM

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Respectfully,
Jared smith
3008 N Red Bank Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Jared Watson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jared Watson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:56:31 PM

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Respectfully,
Jared Watson
2363 E Tennessee St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jarrod Gentry](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jarrod Gentry - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:51:43 AM

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Regards,
Jarrod Gentry
1125 Jefferson Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jarrod gentry](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jarrod gentry - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:53:43 PM

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Respectfully,
Jarrod gentry
1125 Jefferson Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jason Bragg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jason Bragg - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:34:11 PM

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Respectfully,
Jason Bragg
8100 Castlewood Dr
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Jaycie Best \(jayciebest@icloud.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:jayciebest@icloud.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jaycie Best - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 12:50:56 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Jaycie Best
5173 Margaret Way
Anderson, IN 46013
jayciebest@icloud.com
(765) 228-6885

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From: [Jean Bittner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Bittner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:56:12 AM

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Thank you,
Jean Bittner
14240 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Jean Bittner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Bittner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:22:40 PM

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Respectfully,
Jean Bittner
S Owensville Rd
IN 47639

From: [Jean Marcum](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Marcum - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:59:24 PM

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Respectfully,
Jean Marcum
10654 S Potker St
Stendal, IN 47585

From: [Jean splittorff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Splittorff - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:24:46 PM

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Jean splittorff
14240 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Jean Webb](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jean Webb - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:49:53 PM

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Thank you,
Jean Webb
201 Montclair Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: jkinmanrn@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeanette Kinman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeanette Kinman-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:42:24 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Jeanette Kinman
5288 BROOKHOLLOW DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-3166

From: jeanine=davidenterprisesinc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeanine Wildeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeanine Wildeman-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:06:17 PM

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Jeanine Wildeman
3600 BROADWAY AVE
Evansville IN, 47712-4509

From: [Jeanne Hochstetler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeanne Hochstetler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:21:00 AM

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Respectfully,
Jeanne Hochstetler
7122 Stonebridge Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Jeanne Wilhite](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeanne Wilhite - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 11:12:59 AM

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Thank you,
Jeanne Wilhite
5833 S Yankeetown Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: rivera47_jeannette@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeannette Rivera](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeannette Rivera-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:15:19 PM

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Jeannette Rivera
PO BOX 15477
EVANSVILLE IN, 47716-0477

From: [Jeff Buente](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Buente - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:40 AM

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Jeff Buente
7720 Upper Mt Vernon Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Jeff Cox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Cox - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:58:31 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Jeff Cox
3332 Chaucer Dr
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: 1961jdg@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeff Gray](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Gray - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:13:18 AM

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Thank you

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Jeff Gray
8134 S VICTORIA DR
Fort Branch IN, 47648-8100

From: [Jeff Green](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Green - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:18:11 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Jeff Green
1020 Creekside Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Jeff Marvel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeff Marvel - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:57:25 AM

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Respectfully,
Jeff Marvel
7615 Mertens Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: jeffg3839@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeffrey George](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey George-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:15:19 PM

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Thank you.

Jeffrey George
5285 ROMAINE RD
NEW HARMONY IN, 47631-9539

From: [Jeff Herrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey Herrell - Center Point Energy Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:39:23 PM

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Jeffrey Herrell
7655 Nottingham Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

I'm Utility Customer of Centerpoint Energy and this is regarding their proposed rate increase. A rate increase is not needed. Centerpoint is already operating as a monopoly as customers have no choice for electrical utility. Additionally, Centerpoint should absorb any cost associated with switching away from coal power as it is a cost of doing business. Consider their profits for the past 3 fiscal years. CenterPoint Energy gross profit for the twelve months ending September 30, 2023 was \$6.489B, a 5.32% increase year-over-year. CenterPoint Energy annual gross profit for 2022 was \$6.23B, a 3.54% increase from 2021. CenterPoint Energy annual gross profit for 2021 was \$6.017B, a 6.06% increase from 2020.

Sent from my iPhone

From: ranger1546@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jeffrey Hohimer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey Hohimer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:15:22 AM

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Jeffrey Hohimer
2507 N LAFAYETTE AVE APT A
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-3211

From: [Jeffrey Neyenhaus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeffrey Neyenhaus - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 10:40:20 AM

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Thank you,
Jeffrey Neyenhaus
681 County Rd 1350 N
Gentryville, IN 47537

From: newjnorman2011@gmail.com on behalf of [JEFFREY NORMAN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: JEFFREY NORMAN - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:18:20 AM

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JEFFREY NORMAN
3534 E STATE ROAD 68
Haubstadt IN, 47639-7877

From: j.sorrell=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jenifer Sorrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jenifer Sorrell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:54:21 PM

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Thank you.

Jenifer Sorrell
18930 Amherst Ln
Evansville IN, 47725-7813

From: [Jennifer Douglas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Douglas - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:20:45 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Jennifer Douglas
901 E Mulberry St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Jennifer Gunn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Gunn - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:37:47 PM

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Respectfully,
Jennifer Gunn
1804 Bonnie View Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Jennifer Gunn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Gunn -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:26:06 AM

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Jennifer Gunn
1804 Bonnie View Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Jennifer Holmes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Holmes -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 2:24:48 PM

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Jennifer Holmes
671 Greenfield Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Jennifer Michael](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Michael - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:27:27 PM

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Jennifer Michael
1122 Marshall Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jennifer Michael](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Michael -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:32:20 PM

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1122 Marshall Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jennifer Ragsdale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Ragsdale -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:22:11 PM

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Jennifer Ragsdale
11251 Lower Mt Vernon Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: jennifer=sbm-inc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jennifer Stevens](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Stevens - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:01:34 AM

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Dear

Greed. Pure Greed! To ask for an increase when our rates are ridiculously high is disgraceful, unethical and shows the character of the management of Centerpoint and the “regulatory” commission.

SAY NO!!

to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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SAY NO!!!!

Thank you.

Jennifer Stevens
3901 Bergdolt Rd
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2591

From: [Jennifer Torres](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Torres - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:06:59 PM

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Respectfully,
Jennifer Torres
5005 Fawn Lake Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: jenwahldesigns@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jennifer Wahl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennifer Wahl-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:44:17 PM

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Thank you.

Jennifer Wahl
2903 E COUNTY ROAD 1600 N
LINCOLN CITY IN, 47552-9738

From: jorpurt69@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jennilyn Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jennilyn Brown-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:57:22 PM

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Jennilyn Brown
PO BOX 427
New Harmony IN, 47631-0427

From: [JERAD KISSEL](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: JERAD KISSEL - Utility Affordability and Energy Independence for all Hoosiers
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:46:25 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

My utility bills just keep going up, despite my best efforts to lower them. Using less energy doesn't make much of a dent in my bills, thanks to high fixed monthly charges and declining block rates approved by unaccountable utility regulators. Legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly also makes it harder for me to save money and control my own energy use.

SEA 309, passed in 2017, ends net metering in Indiana. If I wanted to put solar on my roof, I will get credited at a rate that is about 75% lower than what I pay to the utility when I purchase electricity. This makes it harder for Hoosiers to gain energy independence from monopoly utilities by going solar.

Another way state legislators have contributed to rising energy costs is by killing Indiana's energy efficiency program, Energizing Indiana, with SEA 340 (2014) and SEA 412 (2015). Energy efficiency is the cheapest energy resource available, emits no pollution, reduces utility bills, and creates local jobs which cannot be outsourced. These programs should be free from the influence of monopoly utilities, who are in the business of selling electricity and gas. Utilities can even charge us for the power they're not selling because of energy efficiency (so-called "lost revenues").

I urge you: please support policies that make monthly bills affordable for Hoosiers. Please work to repeal the anti-consumer legislation I mentioned to give residential utility customers (read ALL Hoosier households) a fair shake and the ability to be more energy independent.

Regards,
JERAD KISSEL
302 Herndon Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jeremy Dunn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremy Dunn - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 2:47:53 PM

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Respectfully,
Jeremy Dunn
4900 Hoelscher Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Jeremy Klauburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jeremy Klauburg - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 8:58:37 AM

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Respectfully,
Jeremy Klauburg
8240 Whetstone Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: jlaee54@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jerome and elizabeth Hess](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerome and elizabeth Hess-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:18:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Jerome and elizabeth Hess
PO BOX 276
HAUBSTADT IN, 47639-0276

From: jerry.knowles.2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jerry & Phyllis Knowles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry & Phyllis Knowles-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:27:19 AM

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Jerry & Phyllis Knowles
11401 Oscar Dr
Evansville IN, 47725-6312

From: jerria1962@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jerry Ann Therber](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry Ann Therber - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:58:20 PM

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Jerry Ann Therber
5241 NITTANY WAY
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-1723

From: [JERRY Cadwalader](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: JERRY Cadwalader - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:24:07 AM

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Thank you,
JERRY Cadwalader
9746 Georgetowne Dr
Highland, IN 46322

From: [Jerry Cleveland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry Cleveland - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:34:56 PM

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Jerry Cleveland
4167 Princeton St
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: jerryfreund=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jerry Freund](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry Freund - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:28:21 AM

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Thank you.

Jerry Freund
6277 MAGNOLIA DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-1736

From: [Jerry Garner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry Garner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:44:45 AM

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Thank you,
Jerry Garner
210 S Lincoln St
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [Jerry Grontkowski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jerry Grontkowski -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:15:56 PM

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Thank you,
Jerry Grontkowski
50822 Country Knolls Dr
Granger, IN 46530

From: [Jesse Kirkham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jesse Kirkham - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:52:23 PM

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Respectfully,
Jesse Kirkham
370 Kaymar Dr
Danville, IN 46122

From: jcrodders@live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jesse Rodgers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jesse Rodgers - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Jesse Rodgers
840 Bayard Park Drive
Evansville IN, 47713-2377

From: [Jessica Jacoby](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica Jacoby - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:37:54 PM

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Thank you,
Jessica Jacoby
201 Baker Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Jessica Osborne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica Osborne - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:34:33 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Jessica Osborne
916 Crown Point Ct
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Jessica Simpson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica Simpson -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:05:24 PM

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Thank you,
Jessica Simpson
2827 John Ave
New Harmony, IN 47631

From: [Jill Reisinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jill Reisinger -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:56:39 PM

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Regards,
Jill Reisinger
3502 Rodenberg Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Jill Stock](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jill Stock - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:20:51 PM

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Thank you,
Jill Stock
1451 Old Ford Rd
New Albany, IN 47150

From: [Jillian Shade](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jillian Shade - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:24:45 PM

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Respectfully,
Jillian Shade
723 S Bennighof Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Jim Schafer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jim Schafer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:01 PM

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Thank you,
Jim Schafer
775 Cardinal Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Jimmie harper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jimmie harper - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:34:55 PM

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Regards,
Jimmie harper
515 Dubois St
Vincennes, IN 47591

From: [Jo Gilreath](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jo Gilreath - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:15:08 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

My husband and I are considering moving out of the area in part because of the electric utility expense of our home and no gas option. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Jo Gilreath
6039 E Oak St
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Joan Beckwith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joan Beckwith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:23:29 PM

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Joan Beckwith
2917 Graham Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Joan Beckwith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joan Beckwith - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:18:57 PM

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Thank you,
Joan Beckwith
2917 Graham Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: jcjd1234=psci.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Joan Cassell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joan Cassell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:51:21 PM

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Thank you.

Joan Cassell
901 W RUDOLPH LN
Santa Claus IN, 47579-6202

From: j.m.hillenbrand=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Joan Hillenbrand](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joan Hillenbrand - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:15:23 AM

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Joan Hillenbrand
12205 Henry Lane
Evansville IN, 47720-7403

From: [Joan Marshall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joan Marshall - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4:22:40 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Joan Marshall
4610 Ironstone Ln
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Jodi Schwartz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jodi Schwartz - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:18:20 PM

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Thank you,
Jodi Schwartz
214 Concord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Jodi Wheelock](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jodi Wheelock - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:00:49 AM

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Regards,
Jodi Wheelock
2550 Aiden Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Jodie Kolb](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jodie Kolb - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:28:11 PM

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Thank you,
Jodie Kolb
1609 S Lavon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: jlbruce57@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jody Bruce](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jody Bruce - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:22:25 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Jody Bruce
3023 EASTVIEW DR
Evansville IN, 47725-7316

From: jideal@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Joe Deal](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joe Deal-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:27:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Joe Deal
3280 S 350 W
Princeton IN, 47670-9367

From: [Joe Edwards](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joe Edwards - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:24:08 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Joe Edwards
615 E Walnut St
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Joe Kratochvil \(joe.kratochvil@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:joe.kratochvil@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joe Kratochvil - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 11:28:25 AM

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Dear OUCC,

We need reasonable rates!!!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Joe Kratochvil
712 S Alvord BLVD
Evansville, IN 47714
joe.kratochvil@gmail.com
(812) 319-5762

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From: [Joe Straley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joe Straley -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:05:22 PM

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Regards,
Joe Straley
19 Kingfisher Cir
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: [Joe Wambach](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joe Wambach - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:16:02 PM

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Regards,
Joe Wambach
1110 N Main St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Joey Krack](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joey Krack - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:30:00 PM

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Thank you,
Joey Krack
8822 Bayberry Dr S
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [John Blair](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Blair - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:58:16 PM

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Respectfully,
John Blair
800 Adams Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: jjblake57@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Blake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Blake-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:31:25 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

John Blake
2286 S BECKY DR
Rockport IN, 47635-8728

From: czoermail@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Czoer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Czoer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:17:22 PM

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John Czoer
12200 DOGWOOD LN
Evansville IN, 47725-9267

From: elliott.j1957@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Elliott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Elliott-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:08:20 PM

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John Elliott
4701 UPPER MOUNT VERNON RD
Evansville IN, 47712-6425

From: johnkayser@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Kayser](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Kayser-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:18:18 PM

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John Kayser
7301 E WALNUT ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-3747

From: [John Mckay](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Mckay -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:40:30 PM

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Regards,
John Mckay
3318 Conlin Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [John Morrow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Morrow - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:32:47 PM

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Regards,
John Morrow
9309 County Rd 250 N
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [John O'Leary](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John O'Leary - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:11:37 PM

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Thank you,
John O'Leary
7116 Red Wing Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: orrjohn1978@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Orr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Orr - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:57:20 PM

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John Orr
4409 Smythe Dr
Evansville IN, 47715-3802

From: [John pike](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John pike - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:21:26 PM

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Thank you,
John pike
790 W Eureka Rd
Rockport, IN 47635

From: [John Pohl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Pohl - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:53:14 PM

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Regards,
John Pohl
9218 Arbor Grove Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [John Rich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Rich - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 11:01:39 AM

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Regards,
John Rich
429 Adams Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [John Salm](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Salm -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 9:35:19 PM

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Thank you,
John Salm
1118 W Maryland St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [John Schmidt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Schmidt - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:08:21 PM

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Respectfully,
John Schmidt
1018 S Gibson St
Princeton, IN 47670

From: johnsettlemyer=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Settlemyer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Settlemyer-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:20:17 PM

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John Settlemyer
5611 BROMPTON DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-7304

From: mvan=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John VanLieshout](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John VanLieshout - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:42:20 AM

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John VanLieshout
15211 KINGSMONT DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6408

From: [John Williams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Williams - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:04:16 PM

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Regards,
John Williams
726 Imperial Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [JOHN WYNN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: JOHN WYNN - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:42:23 PM

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Respectfully,
JOHN WYNN
5477 Woodlawn Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Johnnie Pegues](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Johnnie Pegues - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:32:01 AM

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Johnnie Pegues
1669 Cass Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Joli Willett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joli Willett -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:34:01 AM

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Respectfully,
Joli Willett
1601 St Philip Rd S
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Jordan Terrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jordan Terrell -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:52:29 AM

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Respectfully,
Jordan Terrell
304 N Barker Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Joseph Book](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joseph Book - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:47:52 PM

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Joseph Book
8799 Arcadia Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Joseph singleton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joseph Singleton - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:47:58 AM

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Respectfully,
Joseph singleton
9112 E 400 S
Oakland City, IN 47660

From: [Joshua Gipson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joshua Gipson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:54:01 PM

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Respectfully,
Joshua Gipson
1134 Loft Cove
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Joshua Leetch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joshua Leetch - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:00:46 PM

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Joshua Leetch
1916 S Spring St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [joshua.nelson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: joshua nelson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:07:02 AM

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Regards,
joshua nelson
2301 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Josiah Bailey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Josiah Bailey - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 6:28:45 PM

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Respectfully,
Josiah Bailey
1116 W Tennessee St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Joy Steinhauer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joy Steinhauer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:35:45 AM

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Thank you,
Joy Steinhauer
208 S Iroquois Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Joyce Shockley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joyce Shockley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:54:10 AM

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Respectfully,
Joyce Shockley
3600 IN-68
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: [Joyce Shockley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joyce Shockley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:24:35 AM

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Regards,
Joyce Shockley
3600 IN-68
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: westthree=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Joyce West](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joyce West-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:15:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Joyce West
828 MADISON ST APT 8
Rockport IN, 47635-1267

From: mulberrymomjudyb@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Judith Beatty](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Beatty - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:07:24 PM

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Judith Beatty
1909 E MULBERRY ST
Evansville IN, 47714-2117

From: judy.beavin@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Judith Beavin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Beavin - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:09:29 PM

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Judith Beavin
6617 WHETSTONE RD
Evansville IN, 47711-2169

From: [Judith Camp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Camp - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:18:21 PM

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Thank you,
Judith Camp
4926 E Co Rd 475 S
Velpen, IN 47590

From: [Judith Green](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Green - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 9:04:27 AM

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Judith Green
718 Cypress St
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Judith Scheller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Scheller - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:27:14 AM

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Thank you,
Judith Scheller
2920 Selzer Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: judscot@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Judith Scott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Scott-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 4:04:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Judith Scott
6320 CHERRY CIR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-3487

From: [Judy Mingus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Mingus -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 7:56:29 PM

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Regards,
Judy Mingus
817 Main St
Grandview, IN 47615

From: [Judy Salma](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Salma -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:31:31 AM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Judy Salma
113 S Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: judith.salma@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Judy Salma](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Salma-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:39:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Judy Salma
113 S FAIRLAWN AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-1302

From: [Judy Soto](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy Soto - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:43:39 AM

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Regards,
Judy Soto
4360 E Main St
Avon, IN 46123

From: alldredgetitle@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julia Alldredge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia Alldredge - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:40:20 AM

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Thank you
Julia Alldredge
3301 Robin Hood Dr, Evansville, IN 47720-1726

Thank you.

Julia Alldredge
3301 ROBIN HOOD DR
Evansville IN, 47720-1726

From: bentonjm=roadrunner.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julia Benton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia Benton-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:47:19 PM

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Julia Benton
1522 N COUNTY ROAD 312 W
ROCKPORT IN, 47635-9111

From: [Julia lindenschmidt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia lindenschmidt - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:30:17 PM

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Respectfully,
Julia lindenschmidt
6600 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Julia Schraeder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia Schraeder - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:48:54 PM

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Thank you,
Julia Schraeder
614 Brook Run Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Julia Vantlin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julia Vantlin - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:51:52 PM

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Regards,
Julia Vantlin
5640 Caborn Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: julie.hill59@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julianne Hill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julianne Hill-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:20:17 PM

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Julianne Hill
415 E MAIN ST
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-1420

From: [Julie Buedel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Buedel - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:15:49 PM

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Regards,
Julie Buedel
10501 Denzer Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Julie Campbell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Campbell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:29:58 AM

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Julie Campbell
15324 Haiku Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Julie Chandler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Chandler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:31:57 AM

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Respectfully,
Julie Chandler
984 IN-66
Rockport, IN 47635

From: [Julie Chandler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Chandler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:46:46 PM

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Regards,
Julie Chandler
984 IN-66
Rockport, IN 47635

From: juliedevillez=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julie Devillez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Devillez-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:39:21 AM

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Thank you.

Julie Devillez
10600 ADAM ST
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-8507

From: jahale201@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julie Hale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Hale - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:13:18 PM

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Thank you

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Julie Hale
4710 NORBOURNE WAY
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-3838

From: [Julie Horner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Horner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:25:03 PM

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Thank you,
Julie Horner
3721 Koressel Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Julie Horner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Horner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:29:14 AM

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Respectfully,
Julie Horner
3721 Koressel Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Julie Hurley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Hurley -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:58:24 AM

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Julie Hurley
8040 Shaldon Ct
Zionsville, IN 46077

From: jswihart=evdio.org@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Julie Swihart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Swihart - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:22:22 AM

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Julie Swihart
209 S BOSSE AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-4713

From: [julie walker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: julie walker -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:26:37 PM

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Respectfully,
julie walker
427 N Conde St
Tipton, IN 46072

From: [Justin Gourley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Justin Gourley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:53:23 AM

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In 2023 our household paid \$3,8062.67 to CenterPoint for Electric and Gas. Applying the rate increase those exact same bills based on usage would raise our annual energy cost to \$5,047.24.

Our household bills between our mortgage, our energy bill, and water and sewage take 30% of our income. When you add in our vehicle loan and vehicle insurance, we are spending 45% of income.

We cannot afford medical insurance, television, or phone. By the time we will pay for food and gas for our vehicle, that will leave us we \$200.00 a month. We will have no savings and no money for our kids to do things or even be normal teenagers going to the movies with friends or looking at how much cap and gowns cost for graduation it would take 3 months to have enough money to pay for that when my kids graduate high school.

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Thank you,
Justin Gourley
5900 Twickingham Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kady Breeze](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kady Breeze - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:19:14 AM

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Kady Breeze
2063 Helmuth Ct
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Kaela McDaniel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaela McDaniel - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:05:10 PM

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Regards,
Kaela McDaniel
301 Givens Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [kailee dinklocker \(kpdinklocker@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:kailee.dinklocker@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: kailee dinklocker - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:02:17 PM

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Dear OUCC,

People already can't afford to live

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

kailee dinklocker
2030 Thunderbolt Ln
evansville, IN 47714
kpdinklocker@gmail.com
(502) 544-4273

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From: [Kara Woodrow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kara Woodrow - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 6:38:14 AM

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Respectfully,
Kara Woodrow
412 E Olmstead Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: kclardy1957@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Karen Clardy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Clardy - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:11:19 PM

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Karen Clardy
732 AUDUBON DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-6960

From: [Karen Gindele](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Gindele -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:35:58 AM

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Regards,
Karen Gindele
831 Park Ave
South Bend, IN 46616

From: [Karen Goings](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Goings -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:16:14 AM

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Karen Goings
2332 Filly Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Karen Lachance](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Lachance - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:09 AM

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Thank you,
Karen Lachance
56932 Meadowood Dr
Elkhart, IN 46516

From: [Karen Mann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Mann - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:03:08 PM

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Karen Mann
5000 Ford Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: ktpurple2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Karen T](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen T - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:38:56 PM

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Karen T
816 NEGLEY AVE
Evansville IN, 47711-3432

From: [Karen Woods](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Woods - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:25:35 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I want to say that the reliability here in CenterPoint South is the highest in the state. The level of Capitol Investment in infrastructure is possibly disproportionate to the condition of the distribution system.

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Respectfully,
Karen Woods
1813 Newton Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Kari Kruger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kari Kruger - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:21:37 AM

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Respectfully,
Kari Kruger
10869 Lehe Rd
Brookston, IN 47923

From: [Karie Riggs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karie Riggs -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:22:26 PM

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Thank you,
Karie Riggs
5420 N Fares Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Karissa Casper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karissa Casper - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 5:15:10 PM

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Karissa Casper
1507 S Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Katea Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katea Johnson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:21:25 AM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Katea Johnson
725 S Hebron Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Katelyn Dersch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katelyn Dersch - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:16:33 PM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Katelyn Dersch
16210 Old State Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Katherine Gray](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katherine Gray - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:15:52 PM

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Thank you,
Katherine Gray
901 Irvin Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: kathythomason46@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Katherine Thomason](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katherine Thomason - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:39:18 AM

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Dear

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I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity. The monthly bills are more than alot of peoples monthly checks.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Katherine Thomason
5975 N FOLSOMVILLE RD
Boonville IN, 47601-9185

From: kll6394@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kathleen Lewis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Lewis - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:47:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kathleen Lewis
8676 VANN RD
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-9068

From: [Kathleen Petitjean](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Petitjean - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:54:42 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like us are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Kathleen Petitjean
1925 E Mulberry St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Kathleen Sokeland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Sokeland - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:24:45 AM

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Regards,
Kathleen Sokeland
1913 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Kathryn Lynch \(kogilvylynch@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:kogilvylynch@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathryn Lynch - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:28:14 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lynch
6144 Grand River Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630
kogilvylynch@gmail.com
(812) 598-1141

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From: [Kathryn Lynch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathryn Lynch - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:36:25 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Kathryn Lynch
6144 N Grandriver Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Kathy Eaton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Eaton - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:09:22 PM

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Thank you,
Kathy Eaton
8733 Arcadia Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Kathy Eaton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Eaton - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:49:41 PM

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Regards,
Kathy Eaton
8733 Arcadia Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Kathy Hartz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Hartz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 3:32:43 PM

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Regards,
Kathy Hartz
7388 Telephone Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: hugheskathy2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kathy Hughes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Hughes-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:29:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kathy Hughes
7032 S 425 E
Fort Branch IN, 47648-8436

From: [Kathy Stucker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathy Stucker - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:16:54 PM

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Regards,
Kathy Stucker
1524 S Boeke Rd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: kbroom13@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kaye Broom](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kaye Broom - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:23:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kaye Broom
8271 Wyntree Villas Dr
Newburgh IN, 47630-2535

From: [Kayla Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kayla Allen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:23:25 PM

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Regards,
Kayla Allen
10355 Price St
Crown Point, IN 46307

From: [Kayle Morris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kayle Morris - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 6:35:27 PM

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Respectfully,
Kayle Morris
2801 S Ct Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Keely Burkhart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keely Burkhart - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:43:04 PM

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Regards,
Keely Burkhart
1659 Copperline Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: tammyjoboyd@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Keith Boyd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keith Boyd - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 3:05:27 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Keith Boyd
3718 Pollack Ave
Evansville IN, 47714-6358

From: [Keith Royster](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keith Royster - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 1:29:19 PM

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Thank you,
Keith Royster
8416 Larch Ln
Evansville, IN 47710

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Keith Royster
8416 Larch Ln
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Kelley Mason](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelley Mason -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:12:54 PM

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Respectfully,
Kelley Mason
1288 IN-68
Lynnville, IN 47619

From: [Kelli Alcorn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelli Alcorn - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:23:40 AM

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No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

No one can afford to pay their electric bill. It's sickening that CenterPoint recorded over \$8 million in profit last year....ridiculous! My kids appreciate food and I have to choose between heat and food in the winter.

Thank you,
Kelli Alcorn
11350 Middle Mt Vernon Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kellie malcolm](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kellie Malcolm - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:55:36 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Kellie malcolm
8405 Carlsbad Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Kelly Craig](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Craig - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:23:17 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Kelly Craig
264 Mallard Cir
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Kelly Housman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Housman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:02:09 PM

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Respectfully,
Kelly Housman
924 SE 6th St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Kelly Jarnagin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelly Jarnagin - Utility Affordability and Energy Independence for all Hoosiers
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:12:21 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

My utility bills just keep going up, despite my best efforts to lower them. Using less energy doesn't make much of a dent in my bills, thanks to high fixed monthly charges and declining block rates approved by unaccountable utility regulators. Legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly also makes it harder for me to save money and control my own energy use.

SEA 309, passed in 2017, ends net metering in Indiana. If I wanted to put solar on my roof, I will get credited at a rate that is about 75% lower than what I pay to the utility when I purchase electricity. This makes it harder for Hoosiers to gain energy independence from monopoly utilities by going solar.

Another way state legislators have contributed to rising energy costs is by killing Indiana's energy efficiency program, Energizing Indiana, with SEA 340 (2014) and SEA 412 (2015). Energy efficiency is the cheapest energy resource available, emits no pollution, reduces utility bills, and creates local jobs which cannot be outsourced. These programs should be free from the influence of monopoly utilities, who are in the business of selling electricity and gas. Utilities can even charge us for the power they're not selling because of energy efficiency (so-called "lost revenues").

I urge you: please support policies that make monthly bills affordable for Hoosiers. Please work to repeal the anti-consumer legislation I mentioned to give residential utility customers (read ALL Hoosier households) a fair shake and the ability to be more energy independent.

Regards,
Kelly Jarnagin
264 Mallard Cir
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Kelsey Boyer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelsey Boyer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:21:22 PM

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Respectfully,
Kelsey Boyer
321 Kennedy Dr
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: kencmcmamara@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ken McNamara](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ken McNamara-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:40:20 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Ken McNamara
10021 ROSEMONT DR
Evansville IN, 47712-9171

From: [Kendra Thomas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kendra Thomas -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:43:01 AM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Kendra Thomas
2611 N Kentucky Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kenneth Caliendo](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Caliendo - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:29:09 AM

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Thank you,
Kenneth Caliendo
5118 Helmuth Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: kenh7726@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Hedrick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Hedrick-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:46:19 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Hedrick
5315 HAUSMAN RD
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-8522

From: [Kenneth Kish](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Kish - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:05:49 AM

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Regards,
Kenneth Kish
203 Cheshire Ln
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: kenlohman53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Lohman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Lohman - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:20:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Lohman
2729 S SAINT JAMES BLVD
Evansville IN, 47714-4927

From: k4321am@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Martin-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:46:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Martin
4636 PENFOLD ST
Evansville IN, 47725-8712

From: kenny.nau=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Nau](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Nau - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:41:26 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Nau
1512 BRENTWOOD DR
Evansville IN, 47715-6034

From: [Kenneth Owens](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Owens - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:19:22 PM

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Regards,
Kenneth Owens
3916 W Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47720

From: kserrett=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Serrett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Serrett - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:26:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Serrett
1727 S OLD STATE ROAD 65
Princeton IN, 47670-8584

From: [Kenneth Vogel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Vogel - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:41:27 AM

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Regards,
Kenneth Vogel
7200 Meinschein Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: klwill946=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Willingham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenneth Willingham-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:25:19 PM

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My last update on CenterPoint is that they pay the CEO 39 million per year as a base salary. If CenterPoint can afford that then they do not deserve any rate increase.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenneth Willingham
5355 LENN RD
Newburgh IN, 47630-2147

From: kluehmein2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenny Conger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kenny Conger-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:08:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kenny Conger
548 IMPERIAL DR
Evansville IN, 47711-1039

From: kent.baehl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kent Baehl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Baehl-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:45:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kent Baehl
2457 W 850 S
Fort Branch IN, 47648-8123

From: [Kent Kaffenberger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Kaffenberger - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:16:23 PM

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Thank you,
Kent Kaffenberger
3701 Aspen Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kent Kaffenberger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Kaffenberger - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 5:26:41 PM

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Respectfully,
Kent Kaffenberger
3701 Aspen Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kent Krodel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Krodel - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:55:41 PM

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Thank you,
Kent Krodel
1615 E Indiana St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: Klautner=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kent Lautner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kent Lautner - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:17:19 AM

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Kent Lautner
501 MERRILL CT
Evansville IN, 47711-1631

From: [Kerry Kieper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kerry Kieper - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:23:31 AM

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Respectfully,
Kerry Kieper
239 Krouser Dr
Valparaiso, IN 46385

From: penner07=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kerry Penner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kerry Penner-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:43:19 PM

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Kerry Penner
6709 W 450 S
Owensville IN, 47665-9110

From: tusk57511@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kerry Seitz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kerry Seitz - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:18:19 PM

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Kerry Seitz
828 E. Olmstead Av
Evansville IN, 47711-6241

From: [Kevin Aguilera](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kevin Aguilera - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:40:49 PM

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Thank you,
Kevin Aguilera
2213 W Delaware St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kevin Ice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kevin Ice - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 1:37:35 PM

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Regards,
Kevin Ice
5298 S State Road 61
Winslow, IN 47598

From: [Kim Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Allen - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 5:07:14 PM

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Thank you,
Kim Allen
3342 Torrington Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: kim.bates756@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [KIM BATES](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: KIM BATES-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:14:19 PM

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KIM BATES
6108 RICHMOND CT
Evansville IN, 47715-3446

From: [Kim Reddington](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Reddington - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:26:39 PM

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Thank you,
Kim Reddington
2709 W Maryland St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kimberly Dillman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Dillman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:19:53 PM

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Thank you,
Kimberly Dillman
6518 W Franklin Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [KIMBERLY HARDIN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: KIMBERLY HARDIN - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 7:12:01 AM

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Respectfully,
KIMBERLY HARDIN
1913 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kimberly Hardin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Hardin - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 2:50:45 PM

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Regards,
Kimberly Hardin
1913 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kimberly hodges](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Hodges - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:33:37 PM

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Respectfully,
Kimberly hodges
3019 W Michigan St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kimberly Lehman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Lehman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:57:02 AM

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Kimberly Lehman
1410 Alvord Ln
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Kimberly Mefford](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Mefford - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:07:06 PM

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Thank you,
Kimberly Mefford
5719 N New York Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Kimberly Palmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Palmer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 2:39:14 PM

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7505 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: kim2910@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kimberly Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Smith - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:37:17 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kimberly Smith
4512 Meadowridge Rd
Evansville IN, 47710-3761

From: kwargel1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kimberly Wargel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kimberly Wargel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:16:24 PM

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Stop the proposed CenterPoint's proposed increases.

Thank you

Kimberly Wargel
2277 Holbrook Dr.
Newburgh, IN 47(30

Thank you.

Kimberly Wargel
2277 HOLBROOK DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-2163

From: [Kirsten Gregurich](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kirsten Gregurich - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:32:37 AM

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Regards,
Kirsten Gregurich
623 Forest Park Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Kris Schiff \(kschiff52@yahoo.com\)](mailto:kschiff52@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kris Schiff - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:38:37 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Cost more to gave gas ran to our house than the cost for the amr of gas we use

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Kris Schiff
10818 Orchard Ln
Evansville, IN 47720
kschiff52@yahoo.com
(812) 319-4362

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From: [Krista Bryant](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Krista Bryant - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 2:07:31 PM

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1221 Meadowbrook Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kristen Bitter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristen Bitter - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:01:37 PM

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Centerpoint is already crippling our family of 5. This on top of other rate increases is making it hard to provide the things that used to be simple for my family. We absolutely can't afford another increase! I have lived in this area my whole life and now have thought about moving away from outside of Centerpoints Monopoly!

Also, I find myself worrying about families on fixed income. It's just not possible for some....

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Kristen Bitter
5155 Shenandoah Ave
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [kristen.cohen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: kristen cohen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:17:36 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
kristen cohen
916 Pratt St
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

From: [Kristi Happe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristi Happe - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:10:01 AM

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Respectfully,
Kristi Happe
1625 Irvington Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Kristi Mead](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristi Mead - Hoosiers deserve affordable bills and accountable utility regulators
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:37:43 AM

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Regards,
Kristi Mead
905 Idlewild Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [kristi.purdue](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: kristi.purdue - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:12:08 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
kristi.purdue
6400 Ferstel Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Kristie Rueger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristie Rueger - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:31:27 PM

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Regards,
Kristie Rueger
2024 Wolverine Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Kristina Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristina Johnson -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:59:09 AM

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Regards,
Kristina Johnson
319 S Congress Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Kristy Garner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kristy Garner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:41:19 AM

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Thank you,
Kristy Garner
210 S Lincoln St
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [Kyle Adler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kyle Adler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:33:11 AM

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Thank you,
Kyle Adler
3823 Schroeder Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: kbelch82=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kyle Belcher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kyle Belcher - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:15:28 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Kyle Belcher
700 COLLEGE HWY
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-1908

From: [Lacey Williams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lacey Williams - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:44:28 PM

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Respectfully,
Lacey Williams
4166 Bell Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [LaDawn Elliott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: LaDawn Elliott - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:21:10 AM

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Thank you,
LaDawn Elliott
1222 Culver Dr
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Ladonna Padilla](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ladonna Padilla - Hoosiers deserve affordable bills and accountable utility regulators
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:25:00 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

It is unAmerican to make individuals suffer so that the few upper management and shareholders can make an insane profit.

An increase will affect all Hoosiers, as most families live to their means. There are limited resources only for the very poor; but what about those of us who are just dollars above the poverty level. These people are already working multiple low paying just to put a little food on the table, make their rent, pay for childcare, pay for medicine, pay their auto loan and insurance, and ever increasing utility bills, among other miscellaneous expenses.

Another increase would mean no food, no medicine, no medical, no car to get to and from work, which would move more people to the poverty level, etc.

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Regards,
Ladonna Padilla
963 S Grand Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Lance Greer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lance Greer -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 4:41:16 PM

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Regards,
Lance Greer
710 Digital Ct
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Lara Inserto](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lara Inserto - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:47:18 PM

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Lara Inserto
5566 Frame Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Larry Almond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Almond - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:43:26 AM

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Thank you,
Larry Almond
600 Christ Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Larry Almond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Almond - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:03:38 PM

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600 Christ Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: ldimmett=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Larry Dimmett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Dimmett-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:13:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Larry Dimmett
9150 FISCHER RD
Evansville IN, 47720-7142

From: meyperlarry1=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Larry Meyer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Meyer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:01:31 AM

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Larry Meyer
1610 FORD RD N
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-7359

From: [LaTosha Hudson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: LaTosha Hudson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 10:13:41 AM

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Respectfully,
LaTosha Hudson
601 Sleepy Falls
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Laura Diehm](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Laura Diehm - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:24:52 PM

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Laura Diehm
1013 N Lincoln Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [laura Mangold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: laura Mangold - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:04:11 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
laura Mangold
5836 Waterstone Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lauren McKkm](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lauren McKkm - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:15:31 PM

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Thank you,
Lauren McKkm
900 S Burkhardt Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Laurie Ewers \(laurie.ewers@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:laurie.ewers@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Laurie Ewers - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:34:19 AM

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Sincerely,

Laurie Ewers
5645 Oak Ridge Dr
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laurie.ewers@gmail.com
(812) 449-2866

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From: [Laurie McGowan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Laurie McGowan - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:03:34 PM

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Regards,
Laurie McGowan
2007 E Madison St
South Bend, IN 46617

From: lavonkeitel@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [LAVON Keitel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: LAVON Keitel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:59:22 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you
Lavon Keitel

Thank you.

LAVON Keitel
4655 BLACKFORD RD N
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-7236

From: [Lavonia Lewis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lavonia Lewis - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:19:40 AM

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Respectfully,
Lavonia Lewis
1019 N Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Lawrence Flittner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lawrence Flittner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:43:05 PM

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Thank you,
Lawrence Flittner
3311 E Blackford Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Lawrence Stutzman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lawrence Stutzman -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:00:40 PM

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Respectfully,
Lawrence Stutzman
66162 IN-15
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Leah Bolin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leah Bolin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:58:37 AM

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Respectfully,
Leah Bolin
4501 Kensington Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: coltsfan5880@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Leanna Mourer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leanna Mourer-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:11:29 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Leanna Mourer
10401 Cox Rd S
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-7022

From: leanneccox@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Leanne Cox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leanne Cox - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:22:21 PM

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Thank you.

Leanne Cox
816 Lodge Ave
Evansville IN, 47714-1935

From: [Leanne Garbers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leanne Garbers -Please reject CenterPoint. SW Indiana residents are struggling.
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:10:24 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. Our utilities are already the highest in the state, 10% higher than the rest of the country (based upon my research when looking to move from the area). I've lost track of how many times the bill has gone up over the last few years with various fees and increases. I'm astonished CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year. This a mega corporation that came in and bought our local utility, with full knowledge of the aging facilities. If this was not factored into the purchase price, I don't see how it is fair to now ask customers to pay for the completely foreseeable cost of upgrading these facilities. Perhaps this should come out of corporate profits?

I am a middle-class person with a professional degree who has always been a conservative spender, so I am lucky enough to be able to pay last month's gas and electric bill ... although it will be at the cost of something else because it is nearly as much as my mortgage payment. I never expected with a doctorate degree I'd be paying more than 15% of my monthly take home pay on one utility bill. And we even have brand new double-paned Pella windows, a high-efficiency furnace, extra insulation, LED lighting and the use of a wood-burning fireplace with blower to heat part-time. I can't imagine what the average working poor person in a rental home is going to do. I appreciate CenterPoint's offer of Smart thermostats and rebates in certain appliances, but most of the residents down here can't afford the electrician to upgrade their wiring or the costs of the specific type of new appliances to take advantage of the incentives.

Compare our salaries and tax base down here and see if this is really fair and justified. Look at the poverty level of the area compared to, say, Marion county. I'm sorry if CenterPoint made poor investments or whatever the issue is that seems to justify CenterPoint's request, but this isn't our problem to fix. CenterPoint should have factored the upgrades in the purchase price as costs of doing business. These as paced along as current expenses ... they do not justify a special rate increase like an unforeseeable event would. And on the whole, residents down here are already paying more than their fair share. Collectively, we just can't afford any more.

Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's request.

Regards,
Leanne Garbers
10329 Hogue Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: lrickard6245=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Leanne Rickard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leanne Rickard-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:08:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Leanne Rickard
2417 Jeanette Ave
Evansville IN, 47714-6323

From: [Lee Mason](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lee Mason - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:39 AM

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Regards,
Lee Mason
1300 W Main St
Pleasant Lake, IN 46779

From: boomer0903@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lee Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lee Miller - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:04:36 PM

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Lee Miller
8355 SYCAMORE DR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2722

From: lagallian@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Leigh Gallian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leigh Gallian-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:23:26 PM

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Leigh Gallian
9930 ELLA CIR
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-1252

From: [Leigh Steele](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leigh Steele -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:42:20 PM

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Respectfully,
Leigh Steele
3409 N County Rd 475 E
Center Point, IN 47840

From: [Leonard Voegel \(none@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leonard Voegel - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:38:32 AM

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Sincerely,

Leonard Voegel
5645 Oak Ridge Dr
Evansville, IN 47711
none@gmail.com
(812) 449-2866

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From: [Leslie Head](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leslie Head - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:16:14 PM

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Regards,
Leslie Head
7055 Woods Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Leslie Slingerland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leslie Slingerland - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:01:51 PM

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Leslie Slingerland
6577 David Dr
Chandler, IN 47610

From: lesliesmith8@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Leslie Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leslie Smith-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:29:20 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Leslie Smith
6103 KANSAS RD
Evansville IN, 47725-9665

From: [Linda ALLEN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda ALLEN - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 12:16:08 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Linda ALLEN
1226 S Evans Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: rlbrnr24=coopson.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Bruner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Bruner - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:59:19 AM

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Dear

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Thank you
Linda Bruner
7166 Folsomville Road
Tennyson, In 47637

Thank you.

Linda Bruner
7166 FOLSOMVILLE RD
TENNYSON IN, 47637-7254

From: [Linda Burkhart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Burkhart - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:40:30 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Reject Center Point Electric rate hike.

Regards,
Linda Burkhart
8900 Covenant Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Linda Burkhart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Burkhart -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 9:35:45 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Linda Burkhart
8900 Covenant Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: rebater=coopsone.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Chapman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Chapman - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:54:25 PM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Chapman
5466 FOLSOMVILLE DEGONIA RD
TENNYSON IN, 47637-7162

From: lcherry901@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Cherry](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Cherry - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:42:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Cherry
107 E Walnut Street
Owensville IN, 47665-9296

From: [Linda Eales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Eales - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:30:26 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Linda Eales
312 Sylvia St
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Linda Evans](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Evans - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:35:29 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Linda Evans
158 W Adams Ave
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Linda Evinger \(levinger@usi.edu\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:levinger@usi.edu)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Evinger - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:18:07 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Center Point is inflating their profits extremely on the backs of us the consumers!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Linda Evinger
1300 Mohr Rd
Evansville, IN 47720
levinger@usi.edu
(812) 455-3281

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From: levinger=usi.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Evinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Evinger - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:29:19 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990. The CEO of CenterPoint Energy makes over \$30 million dollars a year. This salary is immoral when the business is charging higher rates than any other energy business in Indiana.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity. My husband volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul and talks to many people every week who are struggling to pay their CenterPoint bills. They continue to fall further behind while fearing a disconnect notice every month. This is happening at the same time that CenterPoint enjoys excessive profits and salaries.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Evinger
1300 Mohr Rd
Evansville IN, 47720-7113

From: [Linda Flagg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Flagg - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:13:27 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,
Linda Flagg
17636 Woodthrush Ln
South Bend, IN 46635

From: [Linda Herrmann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Herrmann - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:16:12 PM

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Respectfully,
Linda Herrmann
4000 W Oregon St
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Linda James](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda James - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 2:53:26 PM

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Regards,
Linda James
3809 Debbie Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Linda Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Martin - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:44:54 AM

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Regards,
Linda Martin
921 W 2nd St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Linda Moellering](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Moellering - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:30:02 PM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Linda Moellering
203 E Berry St Ste 1407
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

From: lindapayne85@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Payne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Payne-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:10:28 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Payne
6900 MANCHESTER BLVD
Chandler IN, 47610-9285

From: lindaq078@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Quintero](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Quintero-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:08:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Quintero
1800 MADISON AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-2900

From: [Linda Redmond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Redmond -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 1:11:17 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Linda Redmond
4114 Mesker Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Linda Reynolds](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Reynolds -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:49:41 AM

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Respectfully,
Linda Reynolds
2332 Mimosa Ln
Anderson, IN 46011

From: lkwallis=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Wallis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Wallis - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:14:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Wallis
7965 S ANDEE LN
Fort Branch IN, 47648-1548

From: linda.wolfe731@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Linda Wolfe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Wolfe - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:27:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Linda Wolfe
1733 METZGER RD
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-9054

From: [Lindsay Heilman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lindsay Heilman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:07:59 PM

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Thank you,
Lindsay Heilman
4110 Norwich Pl
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Lindsey Healy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lindsey Healy - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:12:15 PM

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Lindsey Healy
1727 N Thomas Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Lisa Bartley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Bartley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:11:35 PM

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Respectfully,
Lisa Bartley
4937 Live Oak Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lisa Cain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Cain - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:04:42 PM

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Regards,
Lisa Cain
1121 Country Place Dr Apt 2
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Lisa Cox](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Cox - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:04:23 PM

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Thank you,
Lisa Cox
3175 N Silverdale Rd
Rockport, IN 47635

From: [Lisa McKee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa McKee - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:13:20 AM

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Thank you,
Lisa McKee
812 S Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Lisa Powell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Powell - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:21:09 PM

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Thank you,
Lisa Powell
2559 Greenwich Square
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Lisa Powell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Powell -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:43:43 PM

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2559 Greenwich Square
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Lisa Powers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Powers - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:22:10 AM

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Regards,
Lisa Powers
309 E Washington St
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Lisa Sigler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Sigler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:47:18 PM

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Regards,
Lisa Sigler
4166 Pine Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lisa Strickland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Strickland -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:22:08 AM

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Lisa Strickland
1710 Sweester ave
IN 47638

From: [Lisa Tarvin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa Tarvin - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:03:50 PM

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Regards,
Lisa Tarvin
110 Windmill Ct
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: slte=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lisa VanMeter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lisa VanMeter-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:10:20 PM

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Thank you.

Lisa VanMeter
3310 FOLZ LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-1552

From: [Liyah Mattingly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Liyah Mattingly - Pending Electric Rates
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:00:09 PM

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Hello, I hope this email finds you well. I'm living on my own with my husband, we both turn 20 later this year. This is our first time living alone and renting, and while we are enjoying it, we can no longer afford to live in our house. I'm pregnant and it is still very early, however it's caused me to be unable to work due to extreme nausea and being feeling faint frequently. Our first electric bill was for 18 days in December. It was a \$50 bill. We expected it to be more for January, we expected \$180 at the most. We do everything we've been taught about turning off lights, lowering the temperature on the thermostat, taking short showers, opening the windows to be cooled off, and more. Our bill was (slightly over) \$300. The fees for distribution and service charges were more than our actual bill for what we have used. It is ridiculous and we've had to cut our grocery spending and go hungry some nights, make our house so cold that neither of us can feel our fingers or toes when we wake up, and more importantly figure out whether or not we can be sure we can provide for this baby once it is born.

I don't want to have to move back in with my grandparents or my husbands mother in a one bedroom apartment just to be able to afford to LIVE. It's wrong and inhumane that Centerpoint can charge this much to people who do not make enough to survive as is. I'm urging our city to DO SOMETHING. To do ANYTHING. Evansville is falling apart because of these rates. Do something and do it now. Stop torturing the residents of this town with prices YOU KNOW they cannot afford.

From: loraland68@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lora Niemeier](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lora Niemeier - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:15:20 PM

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Lora Niemeier
931 JOBES LN
Evansville IN, 47712-4229

From: lld20686@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lora Ward](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lora Ward-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:54:20 PM

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Lora Ward
209 E ADAMS AVE
Chandler IN, 47610-9817

From: [Loren Watkins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Loren Watkins - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:09:59 AM

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Loren Watkins
7144 Stonebridge Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lori Adams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Adams - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 2:47:03 PM

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Regards,
Lori Adams
2725 N Sherman St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Lori Cart](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Cart - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:06:28 AM

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Lori Cart
1315 John St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Lori Gregory](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Gregory - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:10:47 PM

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Respectfully,
Lori Gregory
618 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: loritimbruno@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lori McIntosh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori McIntosh-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:52:17 PM

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Lori McIntosh
1700 REICHMANN AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-5928

From: [Lori Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Miller - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 8:46:25 AM

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Lori Miller
3116 S Pigeon Valley Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Lori Schmitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Schmitt - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:55:51 AM

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Thank you,
Lori Schmitt
5801 Choicecut Ct
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Lori Schutz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Schutz - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:16:23 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Since CenterPoint has been charging Evansville residents the highest rates in the state for 16 YEARS, we should have robust infrastructure and technology ALREADY to go along with their profit margin and dividends to stockholders.

Ask (and find out!) why it is that CenterPoint needs MORE money. While you are at it, consider mandating a price drop and give us a reason to believe in the reason IURC exists.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Lori Schutz
11309 E Pine Hill Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: lorivoyles64@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lori Voyles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Voyles - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:49:19 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Lori Voyles
4414 WINDHAM DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-7659

From: [Lori Williamson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Williamson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 12:12:26 PM

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Respectfully,
Lori Williamson
117 W Cherry St
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Butler, Lorie](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lorie Butler - CenterPoint Energy's rate hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:43:53 AM

I, Lorie Butler who live in a 2 bedroom trailer home in Evansville Indiana have never had an electric bill so high in my entire life. I used to live in Detroit Michigan and I have never had an electric bill so high. My bill was higher than my rent! With the prices of the necessities in life, how are the citizens going to afford such high bills? My bill was even higher than my car note! I suffered all month with my heat as low as 68 degrees only to get a bill that was well over \$600! I have a shut off notice and am not sure how to make my ends meet! This rate hike is unethical.

From: butterfly452@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Loz Robinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Loz Robinson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:57:18 PM

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Thank you.

Loz Robinson
403 Summerland Court
Evansville IN, 47712-7609

From: [Luke swedenburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Luke Swedenburg - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:12:09 PM

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Thank you,
Luke swedenburg
1625 Delmar Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Luke swedenburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Luke swedenburg - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 3:30:15 PM

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Regards,
Luke swedenburg
1625 Delmar Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Luna Grace](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Luna Grace -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:10:56 PM

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Regards,
Luna Grace
4333 Bell Rd Unit 1310
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Lyn whitesell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lyn Whitesell - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:21:27 PM

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Thank you,
Lyn whitesell
1315 Florence St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Lynda Hillenburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lynda Hillenburg - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:46:31 AM

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Thank you,
Lynda Hillenburg
1014 Edgar St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Lynda Hillenburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lynda Hillenburg - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:24:24 PM

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1014 Edgar St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: lynn.whittaker=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Lynn Whittaker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lynn Whittaker-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:17:21 PM

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Lynn Whittaker
403 W WALNUT ST
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-1763

From: [M.Fraering](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: M Fraering -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:42:58 PM

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Regards,
M Fraering
707 SE 6th St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [M.E. Justice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: M.E. Justice - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:40 AM

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Regards,
M.E. Justice
7688 Gourley Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [MacKenzie Gunther](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: MacKenzie Gunther - Reject Centerpoint's Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:24:25 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We pay some of the highest electric rates in the country and yet our average wage is 10% below the national average. I should not be paying half of my rent just to my electric bill! Centerpoint's CEO in 2021 made \$18,173.08 an hour totaling 37.8 million for the year (a 317% increase from 2020). David Lesar is lining his pockets while the working class is choosing between keeping the lights on and feeding their families.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
MacKenzie Gunther
10288 Krista Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: mharris47=roadrunner.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Madeline Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Madeline Harris - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 4:30:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Madeline Harris
8100 LANCASTER DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-2711

From: [Madison Carnahan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Madison Carnahan - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:00 PM

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Thank you,
Madison Carnahan
1672 S Hoosier Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Madison Mroz \(collegeboundhobbit@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:collegeboundhobbit@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Madison Mroz - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 2:29:39 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Madison Mroz
205 East virginia
Evansville, IN 47711
collegeboundhobbit@gmail.com
(812) 664-2961

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From: [magie read](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Magie Read - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:18:33 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Can't you at least pretend to be working in the public interest with a name like Utility Consumer Counselor? Or are you lined up for a plum job? Anyway, I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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Respectfully,
magie read
PO Box 248
Battle Ground, IN 47920

From: [Mallory Meeks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mallory Meeks - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 5:01:37 PM

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Thank you,
Mallory Meeks
608 Westchester Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Mandi Landes-Uhl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mandi Landes-Uhl - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:29:27 PM

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Thank you,
Mandi Landes-Uhl
12540 Browning Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Maranda Vo](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maranda Vo - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:43:36 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Maranda Vo
4772 Marble Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: marc=meikle.us@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marc Meikle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marc Meikle - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:09:35 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Marc Meikle
4344 SUMMER CREEK LN
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8591

From: [Marcia Ballard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcia Ballard -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:36:59 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Marcia Ballard
5733 Fiesta Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Marcia Daehler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcia Daehler - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:48:47 PM

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Regards,
Marcia Daehler
220 Connolly St
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: lynnbaumgart1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marcia Utley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcia Utley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:41:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Marcia Utley
610 Schutte Rd
Evansville IN, 47712-3053

From: malexander5876@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marcus Alexander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcus Alexander - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:04:23 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Marcus Alexander
2117 Frisse Ave
2117 Frisse Ave
Evansville IN, 47714-4309

From: margaret.pegs@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Margaret Atkinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret Atkinson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:54:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Margaret Atkinson
218 N 2ND AVE
Oakland City IN, 47660-1008

From: [Margaret gregory](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret gregory - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:08:58 PM

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Respectfully,
Margaret gregory
515 Windsor Dr
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Margaret petrig](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret petrig -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:55:28 AM

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Regards,
Margaret petrig
6000 Krueger Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Margaret Scholl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret Scholl - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:56:11 PM

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Thank you,
Margaret Scholl
11225 Sharon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: maggies.9491@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Margaret Speicher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margaret Speicher - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:17:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Margaret Speicher
9402 OAK PT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8562

From: melenabirge@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Maria Birge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maria Birge-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:14:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Maria Birge
2540 BERMUDA CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-8409

From: [Maria Sysoliatina](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maria Sysoliatina - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:09:44 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Maria Sysoliatina
3120 Edgewood Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Marilyn Ashley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marilyn Ashley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:59:33 PM

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Regards,
Marilyn Ashley
3417 Folz Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: scales121=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [marilyn scales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marilyn Scales - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:32:31 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

marilyn scales
121 Maya Ct
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-3222

From: [Marjorie Cain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marjorie Cain - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:51:27 AM

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Respectfully,
Marjorie Cain
2166 Maxwell Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: margeneal47637@gmail.com on behalf of [Marjorie Neal](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marjorie Neal - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:10:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Marjorie Neal
12355 SCALES RD
TENNYSON IN, 47637-7134

From: markbradley55@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mark Bradley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Bradley-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:59:18 PM

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Thank you.

Mark Bradley
2900 BERGDOLT RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2515

From: [Mark Bryant](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Bryant - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:24:43 AM

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Respectfully,
Mark Bryant
7299 Main St
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Mark Grassman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Grassman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 5:43:35 PM

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Regards,
Mark Grassman
726 Negley Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: mark.a.lush@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mark Lush](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Lush - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:19:21 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Mark Lush
601 RED BUD LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-4979

From: [Mark Pace](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Pace - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:02:43 PM

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Respectfully,
Mark Pace
619 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Mark Phelps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Phelps -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:52:34 PM

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Respectfully,
Mark Phelps
1428 E 60th St Apt 214
Anderson, IN 46013

From: [Mark raid](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark raid - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:55:57 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mark raid
2412 Joan Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Mark Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Smith - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:56:37 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Mark Smith
827 Westgate Dr
Anderson, IN 46012

From: seahwx73@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mark Wahl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Wahl-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:11:18 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you
Mark Wahl

Thank you.

Mark Wahl
2903 E COUNTY ROAD 1600 N
Lincoln City IN, 47552-9738

From: [Mark Williams \(mkw1762@gmail.com\)](mailto:mkw1762@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mark Williams - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:15:33 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Please, have a conscience.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams
1124 Glenmoor Ct
Evansville, IN 47715
mkw1762@gmail.com
(812) 598-8612

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From: mdeschutz@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marla Schutz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marla Schutz-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:00:26 PM

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Thank you

Please stop this monopoly...no one can afford this. No one will want to move to this area because of utilities. How can this even happen. Are payoffs worth the price of your soul. Karma does exist...think about it.

Thank you.

Marla Schutz
507 GREENLEAF DR
Evansville IN, 47710-3637

From: [Marlene Hirsch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marlene Hirsch -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 8:18:52 PM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Marlene Hirsch
3021 Blossom Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Marly Naylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marly Naylor - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:12:09 PM

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Regards,
Marly Naylor
3019 Lincoln Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Marshall Hadley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marshall Hadley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 3:51:30 PM

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Respectfully,
Marshall Hadley
111 Walnut St
Chandler, IN 47610

From: bambaehl=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Martha Baehl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Martha Baehl - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:52:19 PM

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I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

As a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul, I see that our low income families struggle to pay their current Center Point bills. It seems impossible to assume they will be able to pay for this increase. Non profits and government recourses will not be able to provide assistance to meet the increased needs.

Thank you

Thank you.

Martha Baehl
501 BROOKVIEW DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-6913

From: [Martha Denton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Martha Denton -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:10:48 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Martha Denton
517 W Main St
Madison, IN 47250

From: [Martha Opdahl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Martha Opdahl - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:28:56 PM

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Regards,
Martha Opdahl
207 Northwood Blvd
Greencastle, IN 46135

From: [Martha stocker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Martha stocker - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:58:43 PM

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Respectfully,
Martha stocker
4707 Margybeth Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Marti File](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marti File - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:09:40 PM

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Respectfully,
Marti File
2816 Margybeth Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Mary Birkhead](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Birkhead - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:42:58 AM

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Regards,
Mary Birkhead
4 Madison Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: mcmlhansen=astound.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mary Hansen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Hansen - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:03:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Mary Hansen
7535 BLACKBERRY HL
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-7458

From: [Mary Heath](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Heath - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:44:26 PM

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Regards,
Mary Heath
1744 Brent Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: hahnmarykay@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mary Hahn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Kay Byrer-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:10:19 PM

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Thank you
Mary Kay Byrer

Thank you.

Mary Hahn
5320 JONA GOLD CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2307

From: [Mary Knepper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Knepper - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:21:09 PM

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Regards,
Mary Knepper
2815 Granfield Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Mary Kripps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Kripps - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:43:16 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies! They're families that are barely getting by and this is just going to cut into their budget to where they will be doing without food. I myself am on a fixed income and my bill doubled for December, I barely could pay it. And had to do without food and different things to make up the money.

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mary Kripps
607 Rosenberger Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Mary Linette](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Linette - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:43:11 AM

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Regards,
Mary Linette
6128 Porterfield Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Mary Oswald](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Oswald - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:41:34 PM

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Respectfully,
Mary Oswald
8225 E Heritage Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Mary Rogers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Rogers - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:27:42 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Mary Rogers
611 N First Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Mary Rogers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Rogers -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 8:00:42 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mary Rogers
611 N First Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: schroeder.maryjane@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mary Schroeder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Schroeder-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:37:18 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Mary Schroeder
1902 MAPLEWOOD DR
Evansville IN, 47712-8712

From: mks2349@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mary Sigward](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Sigward-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:00:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Mary Sigward
3708 WILLOW BEND DR
Evansville IN, 47710-3488

From: [Mary Stoll \(stollml@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:stollml@yahoo.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Stoll - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:18:57 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Mary Stoll
509 SE 1st Apt. F, Evansville
Evansville, IN 47713
stollml@yahoo.com
(734) 587-2020

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From: [Mary Thomas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Thomas - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 11:24:55 AM

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Thank you,
Mary Thomas
6901 Ridgeway Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Mary Victroy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Victroy - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:05:22 PM

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Respectfully,
Mary Victroy
583 Forest Park Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [mary waugh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: mary waugh - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:13:53 PM

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Respectfully,
mary waugh
4527 Redcliff S Ln
Plainfield, IN 46168

From: [Mary wessel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary wessel -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 11:51:39 AM

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Respectfully,
Mary wessel
1504 Clover St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Mary Willett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Willett - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:49:01 AM

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Respectfully,
Mary Willett
331 Southbrook Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Mary Winstead](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Winstead -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:55:04 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Mary Winstead
7922 Oak Grove Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Matt Hardesty](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Hardesty - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 6:07:46 PM

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Regards,
Matt Hardesty
933 Tulip Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Matthew Krampe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matthew Krampe - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:13:16 AM

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Regards,
Matthew Krampe
2548 East Bnvl-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Matthew Krampe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matthew Krampe -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 1:07:31 PM

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Respectfully,
Matthew Krampe
2548 East Bnvl-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47725

From: maurcoo61@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Maureen Coudret](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maureen Coudret - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:46:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Maureen Coudret
3866 CARMONA DR APT 7F
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2914

From: mckenziecobb=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [McKenzie Bedwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: McKenzie Bedwell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:09:37 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

McKenzie Bedwell
2734 AUSTIN AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-4953

From: [Megan Allega \(meganallega@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:meganallega@yahoo.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Allega - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:52:03 PM

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Dear OUCC,

i'm working 2 jobs, my Fianc? also works over time. we are rarely home for long periods of time and always turn the heat/AC down or off when we are gone. we still are paying well over 300 for electricity on top of our rent and other bills we have. it is almost impossible to be able to afford that and everything else we need for ourselves. it is not manageable.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Megan Allega
2027 Shoshoni Ln
Evansville, IN 47715
meganallega@yahoo.com
(812) 629-3444

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From: [Megan Fakh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Fakh - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:12:27 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

We have written letters and attended the IURC hearing held in Evansville and everything CenterPoint asks for, they are granted. Please hear us and reject this increase. Please let us know our voices are being heard. We feel ignored and marginalized. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Megan Fakh
7000 Winddrift Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Megan Klenck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Klenck - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:53:10 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

This is just outrageous. The American people are struggling. I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Megan Klenck
3000 Libbert Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Megan Ritterskamp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Ritterskamp - CenterPoint's request to increase electric rates.
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:18:58 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to increase rates in Cause Number 45990.

I am shocked by CenterPoint's audacity to request a hike to our electric bills.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! Why does a monopoly utility with zero competition need to continuously request increases to their profits?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy. They reported over \$1 billion in profits in 2022! Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food. We are getting closer and closer to the poverty line as inflation continues without any relief in sight.

CenterPoint has earned the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They have the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! They have earned this through exploiting their customers. Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Respectfully,
Megan Ritterskamp
1101 Taylor Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: melaniejane23@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Melanie ODaniel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melanie ODaniel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:07:17 AM

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Melanie ODaniel
400 East Meade Dr
Evansville IN, 47715-3706

From: [Melanie Smith-Alexander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melanie Smith-Alexander -request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:53:50 PM

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Respectfully,
Melanie Smith-Alexander
285 Leatherwood Way
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Melinda Mitchell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melinda Mitchell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:06:38 PM

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Regards,
Melinda Mitchell
101 Yorkshire Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Melissa Wayman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melissa Wayman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:43:12 PM

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Respectfully,
Melissa Wayman
826 Senate Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Melody Roberson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Melody Roberson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 3:04:39 PM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

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Thank you,
Melody Roberson
8121 Old State Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Meredith Dickerson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Meredith Dickerson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:56:38 PM

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Regards,
Meredith Dickerson
440 Oakbrook Dr
Columbus, IN 47201

From: [Merriel Huffman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Merriel Huffman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:23:51 PM

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Respectfully,
Merriel Huffman
8764 Surrey Dr
Pendleton, IN 46064

From: [Michael Barrow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Barrow - Stop the CenterPoint rate increases in Indiana!
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:16 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose CenterPoint's excessive electric rate hike proposal in Cause Number 45990. Their repeated attempts to increase our bills, now demanding an additional \$500+ annually, are unjustifiable. Indiana residents already face the highest electric bills since 2008, and CenterPoint's desire to burden us further to cover outdated coal plants and new generation costs is unacceptable.

CenterPoint Energy Inc., a financially robust monopoly, shouldn't shift their poor investment choices onto customers like me, who are already grappling with soaring expenses for essential needs. We cannot afford more rate hikes. I urge you to reject CenterPoint's unreasonable request and safeguard the interests of residential customers in Cause Number 45990.

Regards,
Michael Barrow
4713 Kensington Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Michael Bell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Bell -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:41:34 AM

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Thank you,
Michael Bell
1302 Negley Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Michael Bell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Bell -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:42:17 AM

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Michael Bell
1302 Negley Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: mbcroof=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Brown-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:17:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Michael Brown
9001 UPPER MOUNT VERNON RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-9700

From: [Michael Cleaver](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Cleaver - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:20:48 PM

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Respectfully,
Michael Cleaver
8884 W 500 S
Jamestown, IN 46147

From: [Michael Downer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Downer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:26:19 PM

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Regards,
Michael Downer
1308 E Illinois St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Michael Frankenberger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Frankenberger - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 12:21:48 PM

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Regards,
Michael Frankenberger
10620 Brush Ridge Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Michael Frankenberger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Frankenberger - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:48:54 AM

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Michael Frankenberger
10620 Brush Ridge Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Michael Garrett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Garrett -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024 5:51:21 PM

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Respectfully,
Michael Garrett
Glen Oak Ct
IN 47630

From: grishopper=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Griswold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Griswold - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:19:20 PM

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Michael Griswold
6100 Kimberly Court
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-9169

From: [Michael Merkley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Merkley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:06:11 PM

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Regards,
Michael Merkley
708 N Main St
Huntingburg, IN 47542

From: mjmills=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Mills](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Mills - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:00:32 AM

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Michael Mills
11 N SPRING ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-6069

From: [Michael Palmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Palmer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 2:44:45 PM

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Michael Palmer
7505 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Michael palombit](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael palombit -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:10:17 PM

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Regards,
Michael palombit
1161 S Stockwell Rd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Michael Rosswurm](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Rosswurm -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:22:05 PM

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Michael Rosswurm
2532 Valley Creek Run
New Haven, IN 46774

From: msander883@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Sander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Sander - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:01:19 PM

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Michael Sander
4400 RESURRECTION DR
Evansville IN, 47720-1781

From: [Michael Sanders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Sanders - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 3:25:20 PM

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Thank you,
Michael Sanders
5500 St Philip Rd S
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Michael Sanders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Sanders - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:26:37 PM

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Respectfully,
Michael Sanders
5500 St Philip Rd S
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Michael Schlemma](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Schlemma - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:56:10 PM

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Regards,
Michael Schlemma
52800 Farmingdale Dr
Granger, IN 46530

From: [Michael Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Smith -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:25:47 AM

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Regards,
Michael Smith
7745 Peach Blossom Ln
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Michael Smithey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Smithey - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 2:39:58 AM

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Respectfully,
Michael Smithey
2128 Frisse Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Michael Stagg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Stagg - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:37:51 AM

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Regards,
Michael Stagg
9525 Hillview Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Michael Ward](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Ward -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:26:17 PM

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Thank you,
Michael Ward
9207 Shore Line Dr
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: mdwcjw=charter.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Williams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Williams-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:03:24 PM

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Dear

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Michael Williams
8700 ANGEL DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-7988

From: [Michaela Stacy \(mlang1998@icloud.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:mlang1998@icloud.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michaela Stacy - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:46:36 PM

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Dear OUCC,

my family is already struggling to pay it monthly. don't make it harder just to pad your pockets!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Michaela Stacy
12532 Rolling Meadows Dr
evansville, IN 47725
mlang1998@icloud.com
(812) 568-5864

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From: [Michelle Beckner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Beckner - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 12:05:11 PM

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Regards,
Michelle Beckner
820 Bellemeade Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Michelle Collignon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Collignon - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:05:35 PM

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Regards,
Michelle Collignon
5816 Berry Ln
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Michelle King](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle King - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:01:26 PM

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Thank you,
Michelle King
1214 S Fairlawn Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Michelle Mason](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Mason - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:20:49 PM

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Regards,
Michelle Mason
3318 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Michelle Thompson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Thompson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:03:47 AM

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Respectfully,
Michelle Thompson
8636 St Wendel Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Mike Fleeger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Fleeger -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:23:31 PM

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Thank you,
Mike Fleeger
5845 W St Joseph Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Mike Marino](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Marino -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:46:35 PM

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Thank you,
Mike Marino
1806 E Park Pl
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

From: [Miranda Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Miranda Taylor - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:08:41 PM

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Thank you,
Miranda Taylor
320 Hunter Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Misty Griffiths](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Misty Griffiths - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:36:12 AM

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Thank you,
Misty Griffiths
346 W 7th St
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Misty Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Misty Wilson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:18:20 PM

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Regards,
Misty Wilson
3317 Fenbrook Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: shoedawg4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mitchell Chandler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mitchell Chandler -Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:28:21 PM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Mitchell Chandler
1359 BAYARD PARK DR
Evansville IN, 47714-1937

From: [Mitchell Mullis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mitchell Mullis - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:19:30 PM

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Respectfully,
Mitchell Mullis
3620 Keck Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Mona Cheaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mona Cheaney - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:42:12 AM

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No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Mona Cheaney
1340 N Boehne Camp Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Mona Cheaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mona Cheaney - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:52:00 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Mona Cheaney
1340 N Boehne Camp Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: mcheaney=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mona Cheaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mona Cheaney - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:03:21 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Mona Cheaney
1340 N BOEHNE CAMP RD
Evansville IN, 47720-3339

From: [Mona Cheaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mona Cheaney -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:40:15 AM

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I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mona Cheaney
1340 N Boehne Camp Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Monica Cannaley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Cannaley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:27:40 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am a Duke Energy customer but if CenterPoint gets away with this rate hike, I am sure the other monopoly utility companies will follow suit.

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should.

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in their monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise rates and fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Monica Cannaley
3907 Elkhorn Wy
Westfield, IN 46074

From: [Monica Duffy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Duffy - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:09:32 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Monica Duffy
418 Pemberton Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Monica Earle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Earle - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:33:08 PM

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Regards,
Monica Earle
5371 Thornapple Ln Apt 101
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: txt2ind@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Monica Emerson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Emerson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:44:23 AM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Monica Emerson
5106 YOUNGS RD
POSEYVILLE IN, 47633-8926

From: bkrchk53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Monica Pearce](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Monica Pearce - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:05:32 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Monica Pearce
920 IRVIN AVE
Evansville IN, 47715-4126

From: [Mychele Woolley-Fly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mychele Woolley-Fly - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:26:54 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Mychele Woolley-Fly
5200 Ruston Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Nakia Rohrscheib](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nakia Rohrscheib - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:17:15 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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Regards,
Nakia Rohrscheib
9895 County Rd 125
Richland City, IN 47634

From: [Nakia Rohrscheib](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nakia Rohrscheib - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:10:08 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Nakia Rohrscheib
9895 County Rd 125 N
Richland City, IN 47634

From: [Nancy Ciscell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Ciscell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:13:55 AM

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Regards,
Nancy Ciscell
3212 Roselawn Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: nancyagolding@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Nancy Golding](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Golding-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:12:17 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity. It is tempting to move 5 miles away to He detain, KY where their rates are much better.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Nancy Golding
3014 E BLACKFORD AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-2608

From: [Nancy Kramer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Kramer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024 10:42:12 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Nancy Kramer
1134 SE 1st St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Nancy Kramer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Kramer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:40:02 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Nancy Kramer
1134 SE 1st St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: mrspate=wowway.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Nancy Pate](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Pate - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00:22 AM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Nancy Pate
509 VAN BUREN AVE
CHANDLER IN, 47610-9781

From: nclynnb@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Nancy Weyer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nancy Weyer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:09:25 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Nancy Weyer
9420 SAINT WENDEL RD
Evansville IN, 47720-7854

From: nanohern1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Nanette OHern](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nanette OHern - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 6:43:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Nanette OHern
1300 ZUBER LN
Evansville IN, 47725-1196

From: neil.saunders3013@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Neil Saunders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Neil Saunders - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:29:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Neil Saunders
1349 Zuber Lane
Evansville IN, 47725-1196

From: [Nell Hill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nell Hill -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 6:17:42 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Nell Hill
2541 Whitlow Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Nicholas Daniels](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas Daniels -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:22:20 AM

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Regards,
Nicholas Daniels
916 Crown Point Ct
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Nicholas King](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas King - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:47:39 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Nicholas King
1705 Longwood Ct
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Nicholas Morgan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas Morgan - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:03:38 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Nicholas Morgan
6613 E Walnut St
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Nicholas Tyring](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicholas Tyring -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:11:32 PM

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Thank you,
Nicholas Tyring
317 Carrie Cove
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Nick Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nick Brown - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:38:04 AM

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Respectfully,
Nick Brown
3001 Koring Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Nick Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nick Brown - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:32:29 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Nick Brown
3001 Koring Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: ogg.nicoledawn@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Nicole Ogg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicole Ogg-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:33:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Nicole Ogg
1711 HERNDON DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-4213

From: [Niles Rosenquist \(nilesrosenquist@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:nilesrosenquist@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Niles Rosenquist - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:42:19 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
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- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Niles Rosenquist
732 S Willow Rd
Evansville, IN 47714
nilesrosenquist@gmail.com
(812) 774-8458

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From: [Noah Werner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Noah Werner - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:24:49 PM

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Thank you,
Noah Werner
734 W Delaware St Ste 243
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Nora O'Shea](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nora O'Shea - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:53:12 AM

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Respectfully,
Nora O'Shea
135 S 9th Ave
Beech Grove, IN 46107

From: [Nora Rhan \(anastasiaynnstar77@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:anastasiaynnstar77@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nora Rhan - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:10:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Nora Rhan
821 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47713
anastasiaynnstar77@gmail.com
(812) 424-2118

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From: [Olivia Wright](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Olivia Wright - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:16:35 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

PLEASE HELP! This is absurd!!!

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Thank you,
Olivia Wright
106 S Alford Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: barbandoz=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Osborne Fowler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Osborne Fowler-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:44:25 PM

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Thank you
Osborne Fowler
4949 Paddock Drive
Evansville, IN. 47715

Thank you.

Osborne Fowler
4949 PADDOCK DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-5755

From: [Padilla Bernie](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Padilla Bernie - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:05:16 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Padilla Bernie
963 S Grand Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Paige Townsend](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paige Townsend - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:02 PM

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Regards,
Paige Townsend
2620 Aiden Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: pgwomp@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pam Grewe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pam Grewe - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:48:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Pam Grewe
7115 WASHINGTON AVE
Evansville IN, 47715-4436

From: [Pam jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pam jones - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:02:42 PM

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Thank you,
Pam jones
1044 N Center Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Pam Locker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pam Locker - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:21:37 AM

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Regards,
Pam Locker
7601 Taylor Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: pjb6218rpc@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pamela Bailey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Bailey-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:30:30 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Pamela Bailey
3425 Manhattan Blvd
Evansville IN, 47711-7909

From: [Pamela Hollander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Hollander - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:34:21 AM

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Thank you,
Pamela Hollander
913 Harmony Way
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Pamela Jennings](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Jennings - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:34:03 AM

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Respectfully,
Pamela Jennings
5512 Monroe Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Pamela Schmeing](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Schmeing - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:05 PM

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Respectfully,
Pamela Schmeing
4500 Cass Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Pamela Schmeing](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Schmeing -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 3:43:00 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Pamela Schmeing
4500 Cass Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: wasson.r=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pamela Wasson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pamela Wasson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:12:21 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Pamela Wasson
4 Parkview Dr.
New Harmony IN, 47631-9550

From: [Pat Dean](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pat Dean - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:29:03 AM

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Regards,
Pat Dean
2815 Granfield Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: patfej1128@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pat fejedelem](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pat fejedelem-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:41:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Pat fejedelem
1405 DESHIELDS DR
Evansville IN, 47712-3981

From: [Pat Fischer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Pat Fischer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:09:13 PM

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Thank you,
Pat Fischer
6220 Danville Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Patricia Crowley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Crowley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 3:59:09 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Patricia Crowley
2300 Burdette Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Patricia Fischer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Fischer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:48:22 PM

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Patricia Fischer
6220 Danville Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Patricia Gorman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Gorman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:40:48 PM

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Regards,
Patricia Gorman
1205 Parkway Dr
Anderson, IN 46012

From: [Patricia Haller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Haller - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:45:48 AM

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I am retired and utilities here in southern Indiana are absolutely ridiculous, between Centerpoint & Evansville Water & Sewer, seniors are really having trouble paying for utilities!!

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Regards,
Patricia Haller
435 Gun Powder Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Patricia Haller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Haller -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 7:56:23 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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Thank you,
Patricia Haller
435 Gun Powder Ln
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Patricia Hansen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Hansen - Hoosiers deserve affordable bills and accountable utility regulators
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:40:14 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I am very concerned that Hoosiers are struggling to afford ever-increasing utility bills. I know I am! Indiana now pays the 12th highest residential electric bills in the country! We have had a history of pying enormous energy bills, its ridiculous!

Residential utility customers have an extremely limited role in controlling the cost of our utility service. With unaccountable utility regulators, an appointed Consumer Counselor, and legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly that tips the regulatory process in favor of the utilities, it's no wonder that utility bills across Indiana have continually increased while our ability to pay those bills continues to diminish. Energy is becoming a gift to the rich, and an impossibility for the poor and the middle class. Thousands of Hoosiers have had electric and gas service disconnected every month since September 2022, according to data reported to the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Struggling to afford utility service puts Hoosiers in difficult and dangerous positions. We need policies that protect consumers and public health, like strong weatherization programs, affordable repayment plans to catch up on utility debt, and a summer disconnection moratorium to limit the number of Hoosiers enduring high temperatures without electricity. Please do everything you can to pursue affordable monthly utility bills for all Hoosier households!

Regards,
Patricia Hansen
602 D St
La Porte, IN 46350

From: [Patricia Heepe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Heepe - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:15:02 PM

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Thank you,
Patricia Heepe
5145 Esteb Rd
Richmond, IN 47374

From: trish.jeffries=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Patricia Jeffries](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Jeffries - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:21:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Patricia Jeffries
8132 ROYALWOOD CT
Evansville IN, 47715-7137

From: [Patricia Keith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Keith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:23:50 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

As someone who will be retiring soon, I am very concerned about my ability to pay an inflated energy bill! I am shocked by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

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These increased costs are criminal if not downright obscene!

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Patricia Keith
508 Meyer Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: numberjuggler@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [PATRICIA WHITEHEAD](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: PATRICIA WHITEHEAD-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:07:20 PM

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PATRICIA WHITEHEAD
801 HARMON CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2727

From: [Patrick Blackwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patrick Blackwell -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:26:28 AM

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Thank you,
Patrick Blackwell
2250 Venetian Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Patrick Small](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patrick Small - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 7:24:15 PM

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Respectfully,
Patrick Small
1644 E New Hope Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Patrick Small](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patrick Small - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 9:53:45 AM

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Regards,
Patrick Small
1644 E New Hope Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Patty Koelling](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patty Koelling -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:18:39 PM

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Regards,
Patty Koelling
5577 S 1000 E
Oakland City, IN 47660

From: [Paul Ankenbrand](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paul Ankenbrand - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:37:22 AM

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Regards,
Paul Ankenbrand
1325 Genesta Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [PAUL BOYLE](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paul Boyle - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:39:02 PM

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Respectfully,
PAUL BOYLE
1915 E Virginia St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Paul Deters](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paul Deters - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:39:18 AM

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Thank you,
Paul Deters
Old Plank Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [PAUL NORMAN](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: PAUL NORMAN - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:36:43 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
PAUL NORMAN
726 Hess Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Paula Boenigk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paula Boenigk - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:23:05 PM

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6640 Kolb Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Paula Boenigk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paula Boenigk - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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6640 Kolb Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Paula Hannigan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paula Hannigan -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:36:29 AM

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Paula Hannigan
11065 Fathom Ln
Fortville, IN 46040

From: [Paula Nurrenbern](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paula Nurrenbern - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:30:06 AM

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Regards,
Paula Nurrenbern
5016 Alysia St
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Perry ward](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Perry ward - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 10:36:52 AM

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Regards,
Perry ward
725 N Schroeder Ln
Evansville, IN 47712

From: phalosy51@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Phalos Young](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phalos Young-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:19:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Phalos Young
2529 WOODS DR
Wadesville IN, 47638-9708

From: [Phil Ludlow](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phil Ludlow - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:55:56 AM

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Regards,
Phil Ludlow
5419 E County Rd 750 N
Pittsboro, IN 46167

From: [Phillip cree](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phillip cree - Please fight for Hoosiers, n3ot monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:56:05 PM

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Regards,
Phillip cree
4300 Jennings Ln
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Phillip Preece](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phillip Preece - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:03 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

So, we sit smack dab in the middle of multiple power generating stations, which sits in a massive coal bearing region but, yet we pay in the Top one percent Of highest rates.

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Phillip Preece
6599 County Rd 726 W
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: rtempel1964@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Phillip Tempel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phillip Tempel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 5:38:23 AM

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Phillip Tempel
16289 N COUNTY ROAD 390 E
LINCOLN CITY IN, 47552-9750

From: loyd.p1=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Phyllis Lloyd](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Phyllis Lloyd - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:54:19 PM

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Phyllis Lloyd
738 CRESTWOOD DR E
Evansville IN, 47715-4399

From: [Ralph Boring](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 8:59:59 AM

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Regards,
Ralph Boring
10045 Fischer Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Rachel Conners](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rachel Conners - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:36:03 PM

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Regards,
Rachel Conners
328 Adams Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Rachel Melendez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rachel Melendez - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:57:30 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Its completely crazy that anyone would consider letting them hike rates again. People will begin to move to other areas causing a loss in revenue if this continues because they won't be able to afford to live here. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Rachel Melendez
530 E 5th St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Rae Carter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rae Carter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:13:27 PM

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Rae Carter
1706 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Rae Carter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rae Carter - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:29:05 PM

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1706 Glendale Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: bellrd=mvschool.org@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ralph Bell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ralph Bell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:37:18 PM

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Ralph Bell
701 COLLEGE HWY
Evansville IN, 47714-1907

From: rktabrown@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Randall Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Brown-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:37:19 PM

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Randall Brown
7402 PINE RIDGE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-3507

From: popschristian@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Randall Christian](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Christian - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:41:18 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Randall Christian
1613 Maxwell Ave
house
Evansville IN, 47711-4270

From: [RL Immel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Immel - CenterPoint Energy proposed rate increase
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:50:27 AM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Randall Immel and I am customer of CenterPoint Energy.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. We can't afford any more increases!

It is very concerning that in Shane Bradford's submitted testimony on page 10 he states that "The Five Pillars frequently work against each other, and so that is why all five must be considered together with not one pillar seen as superior and exclusive to the others."

Clearly, Mr. Bradford is not familiar with IC-8-1-2-05 which states, "The general assembly declares that it is the continuing policy of the state, in cooperation with local governments and other concerned public and private organizations, to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to create and maintain conditions under which utilities plan for and invest in infrastructure necessary for operation and maintenance while protecting the affordability of utility services for present and future generations of Indiana citizens."

In 2023, The 21ST CENTURY ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE specifically states in their report that " The affordability of electricity has become a more important concern because electricity prices in Indiana are no longer, as they once were, among the lowest of the fifty (50) states."

The Task Force also found that, "The five pillars of reliability, resilience, stability, affordability, and environmental sustainability are the foundation of Indiana's energy policy. Any consideration of the state's energy policy, or any statutory changes affecting the state's energy policy, should take into account the impact on the five pillars, both individually and as a whole."

The 2023 Report has a key finding of the Task Force which states, "The Task Force has determined that the transition to an increased reliance on renewable energy resources must be managed in a way that doesn't compromise the reliability, resiliency, and stability of electric utility service, and that maintains affordability for all customer classes." Utility companies MUST take into consideration if the rate increase maintains affordability for all customer classes.

And finally, the Task Force requires under the definition of Affordability that "(4) Affordability: Reliable, resilient, and stable electricity is an essential service for Indiana residents, businesses, and manufacturers. Decisions regarding Indiana's generation resource mix and ratemaking constructs must result in retail electric service that is affordable across the residential, commercial, and industrial customer classes."

As such, if the rate increase results in electric service that is not affordable across all the customer classes, the decision must be to deny the rate increase request.

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Randall Immel

From: [Randall Kennedy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Kennedy - Randall Kennedy Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:07:59 PM

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Regards,
Randall Kennedy
206 Yorkshire Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Randall Maitland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Maitland - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:27:07 PM

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Thank you,
Randall Maitland
339 Bluebird Ln
Dale, IN 47523

From: [Randall Woolsey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Woolsey - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 5:04:24 PM

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Respectfully,
Randall Woolsey
533 S Owensboro Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: rnwoolsey@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Randall Woolsey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randall Woolsey-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:41:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Randall Woolsey
533 OWENSBORO RD
Boonville IN, 47601-7813

From: [Randi Hebner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randi Hebner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 12:09:49 PM

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Respectfully,
Randi Hebner
21 County Rd 350 W
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Randy Burton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randy Burton - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:52:12 AM

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Respectfully,
Randy Burton
537 S 9th St
Rockport, IN 47635

From: [Randy Kennedy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randy Kennedy - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:00:06 PM

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206 Yorkshire Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Randy Thornburg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Randy Thornburg - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 4:15:27 PM

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Respectfully,
Randy Thornburg
8501 Blake Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: lowe1sg=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Raymond Lowe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Raymond Lowe-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:41:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Raymond Lowe
2207 BURDETTE AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-5803

From: [Rayna Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rayna Smith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:09:39 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

We can reduce and try to be energy efficient, but at the end of the day utility bills aren't avoidable and it's frustrating to have a monthly household budget shredded by a high bill we have no control over. Please be a good steward of the control YOU have in limiting CenterPoint's rate hikes. My husband and I don't have have shareholders that can help with my budget. CenterPoint does.

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Rayna Smith
7745 Peach Blossom Ln
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Rebecca Bailey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Bailey - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 2:32:17 PM

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Thank you,
Rebecca Bailey
1116 W Tennessee St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Rebecca Duncan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Duncan - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 3:37:27 PM

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Rebecca Duncan
5616 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Rebecca Kamali](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Kamali - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:39:14 PM

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Respectfully,
Rebecca Kamali
2601 N Main St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: kirkman.5405=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rebecca Kirkman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Kirkman - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:58:22 PM

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Rebecca Kirkman
5405 CHASTAIN DR
Evansville IN, 47720-7707

From: [Rebecca McDaniel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca McDaniel - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:34:34 PM

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Thank you,
Rebecca McDaniel
605 W Washington St
Chandler, IN 47610

From: rebeccamcmanus2320@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rebecca McManus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca McManus - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:11:18 PM

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Rebecca McManus
2320 E IOWA ST
Evansville IN, 47711-5940

From: rebecca.swallows
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Swallows - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:16:35 AM

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rebecca swallows
322 Fuquay Rd
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Rebecca Walker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Walker - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:49:20 PM

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Rebecca Walker
PO Box 24
Newport, IN 47966

From: beckywoods0@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rebecca Woods](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Woods-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:05:22 PM

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Rebecca Woods
4211 SEIB RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-7636

From: [Rebekah Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebekah Moore - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 9:55:59 PM

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Respectfully,
Rebekah Moore
401 Dreier Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Rebekah Moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebekah Moore - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:28:46 PM

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401 Dreier Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: becky.roberson=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rebekah Roberson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebekah Roberson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:06:26 PM

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Rebekah S. Roberson
1702 E. Broadway St.
Princeton, On.
47670

Thank you.

Rebekah Roberson
1702 E Broadway St
Princeton IN, 47670-3131

From: [Reese Stearns](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Reese Stearns - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:57:38 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Reese Stearns
1002 S Main St
Fort Branch, IN 47648

From: [Reid Barton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Reid Barton - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:20:13 PM

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CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Reid Barton
2115 W Lawson Rd
Marion, IN 46952

From: renedabaer@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Reneda Baer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Reneda Baer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 8:38:19 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

This isn't a luxury item. It's not the cost of a yacht, or a bigger diamond ring. It's a life's necessity. So many people are truly struggling right now. The ones who are struggling the worse will be effected by this increase the most.

It's time to consider those trying to make ends meet. It's time to put those consumers barely getting over the stockholders for a change. It's time for a serious change. Please, stand up to CenterPoint, and stand for the little guy.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you so much!

Thank you.

Reneda Baer
221 S. Barker Ave
Evansville IN, 47712-5030

From: [Rex Brush](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rex Brush - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:20:25 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Rex Brush
108 Herndon Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Rhandi Dargon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rhandi Dargon - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:32:18 PM

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Thank you,
Rhandi Dargon
7801 Miranda Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Rhonda Lewis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rhonda Lewis - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 10:43:58 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Rhonda Lewis
50 Park Ridge Dr
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Rhonda Short](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rhonda Short - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:35:47 PM

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Thank you,
Rhonda Short
801 Smith Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: rblanken74@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Richard Blankenship](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Blankenship-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:38:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Richard Blankenship
6088 GLEN OAK CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8893

From: [Richard Fiset](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Fiset - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:34:47 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Richard Fiset
21100 Baneberry Trail
South Bend, IN 46614

From: [Richard Gehres](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Gehres - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:57:42 PM

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Regards,
Richard Gehres
1626 Stinson Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: rick207keith@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Richard Keith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Keith - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:38:21 AM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Richard Keith
9327 HIGHWAY 66
WADESVILLE IN, 47638-9009

From: [Richard Krocker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Krocker - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:27:25 PM

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Thank you,
Richard Krocker
203 NW 5th St
Evansville, IN 47708

From: [Richard McKee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard McKee - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:19 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990. Lastly...why are you building gas peaking units that will cost rate payers to fuel when you have 3 properties on a commodity that costs nothing and won't be going away in our great grandchildren's lifetime...the Ohio River. Build a hydro unit that won't cost anything to fuel!

Thank you,
Richard McKee
5697 Epworth Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: dwas101248@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Richard WILLIAMS](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard WILLIAMS - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:01:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Richard WILLIAMS
1200 ASBURY CEMETERY RD
Chandler IN, 47610-9388

From: [Richard Wise](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Wise - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:58:10 AM

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Thank you,
Richard Wise
103 W Columbia St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: mrrickfindley@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rick Findley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rick Findley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:36:24 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Rick Findley
3619 STRINGTOWN RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-3145

From: aemmie=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rick Morphew](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rick Morphew-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:25:17 PM

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Rick Morphew
2919 WASHINGTON AVE
Evansville IN, 47714-2518

From: ritafairchild=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [rita fairchild](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: rita fairchild - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:12:07 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

rita fairchild
5212 SPRING VALLEY RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-3053

From: [Rita Gatti](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rita Gatti - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:42:21 PM

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Thank you,
Rita Gatti
1831 N Cherry Ln
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Rita Schendel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rita Schendel - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:45:14 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Rita Schendel
931 Deer Field Ct
Greencastle, IN 46135

From: [Robert Baugh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Baugh - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 12:17:39 PM

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Regards,
Robert Baugh
5911 Allens Lake Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: traildr01@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Robert Bennett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Bennett-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:46:18 PM

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Thank you,
Robert Bennett

Thank you.

Robert Bennett
13049 BALBOA DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6825

From: [Robert Blair](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Blair - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:17:52 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Robert Blair
765 E Olmstead Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: roosterbrown49@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Robert Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Brown - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:03:17 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Robert Brown
9995 Waters Edge Drive
Elberfeld IN, 47613-9375

From: rtkcon=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Robert Conner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Conner-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:28:09 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Robert Conner
3866 CARMONA DR APT 2B
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-2911

From: [Robert Culhane](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Culhane - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:01:58 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Robert Culhane
1024 Aquila Ln
Franklin, IN 46131

From: [Robert Dodson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Dodson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:45:02 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Robert Dodson
6151 E State Road 42
Centerpoint, IN 47840

From: [Robert Geier](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Geier - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 12:27:33 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Robert Geier
508 Greenfield Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Robert Johnston \(stevejpcs@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:stevejpcs@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Johnston - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:18:29 PM

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Dear OUCC,

We have higher and higher energy cost, and distribution charges for gas have wildly gone up since we first moved in. This needs to stop!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnston
6421 Washington ave
Evansville, IN 47715
stevejpcs@gmail.com
(812) 455-9346

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From: bclindauer=psci.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Robert Lindauer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Lindauer - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:04:22 AM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Robert Lindauer
16568 N COUNTY ROAD 500 E
Dale IN, 47523-9329

From: [Robert Nicholls](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Nicholls - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:24:59 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am saddened and disappointed by CenterPoint's request to hike our electric bills by almost \$50 every month, and over \$63 a month for folks with electric heating.

It's all pretty scandalous, as we have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities, which goes straight into the pockets of Texans in Houston! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies and their Texan cowboy owners!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Robert Nicholls
1106 SE Riverside Dr
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Robert Scales](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Scales - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:36:47 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

Me & my family are already struggling to pay our bills!!
Something HAS to be done.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Robert Scales
2416 W Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: stephensb113@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Robert Stephens](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Stephens - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:33:19 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990. I volunteer for St. Vincent de Paul and talk to many people every week who are struggling to pay their CenterPoint bills. They continue to fall further behind while fearing a disconnect notice every month. This is happening at the same time that CenterPoint enjoys excessive profits and salaries.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Robert Stephens
1300 Mohr Rd
Evansville IN, 47720-7113

From: [Robin Holland](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Holland -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:00:52 AM

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Respectfully,
Robin Holland
1911 Shelby Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Robin Melchior](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Melchior - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:06:58 AM

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Respectfully,
Robin Melchior
5240 Braemar Ct
Avon, IN 46123

From: [Robin Wright](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robin Wright - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:46:57 PM

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Respectfully,
Robin Wright
951 S Villa Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Rodney Deang](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rodney Deang - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:04:53 PM

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Respectfully,
Rodney Deang
3317 Yale Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: csgm1947=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Roger Herrin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Roger Herrin-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:28:16 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Roger Herrin
2733 BREWSTER DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6310

From: wasson.r=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Roger Wasson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Roger Wasson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:10:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Roger Wasson
4 PARKVIEW DR
NEW HARMONY IN, 47631-9550

From: [Roland Reed](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Roland Reed - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:32:10 AM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Roland Reed
210 S Alvord Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ron Benko](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ron Benko - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:39:02 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,
Ron Benko
2144 Stanton Ave
Whiting, IN 46394

From: rdhull1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ronald Hull](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ronald Hull-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:31:20 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

This increase is unmerited and unjustified.

Thank you

Thank you.

Ronald Hull
2919 REE ST
Evansville IN, 47714-4941

From: jparker549@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ronald Parker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ronald Parker - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:44:21 AM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Ronald Parker
600 S CULLEN AVE APT 208
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-4165

From: [Rose Beyke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rose Beyke - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:42:28 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Rose Beyke
300 E Center St
Winslow, IN 47598

From: [Rose Campbell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rose Campbell -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 5:50:35 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Rose Campbell
748 Savannah Dr
Crown Point, IN 46307

From: [Roxanne bienhaus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Roxanne bienhaus -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:02:13 PM

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Regards,
Roxanne bienhaus
11219 Sharon Dr
Evansville, IN 47712

From: matlock49@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rozada Matlock](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rozada Matlock-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:04:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Rozada Matlock
2826 EGMONT ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-4938

From: rozyid330@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rozy Dillinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rozy Dillinger - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:10:20 PM

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Thank you.

Rozy Dillinger
455 E SHELTON RD
Boonville IN, 47601-8082

From: [Russell Farmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Russell Farmer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 5:35:23 PM

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Regards,
Russell Farmer
1650 Burdette Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ryan Freeman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ryan Freeman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 9:06:11 AM

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REJECT THE CORPORATE GREED. It is unfair to Indiana Hoosiers due to the monopoly that they hold on us. You are destroying the standing of living. Please stop having your pockets padded by these corporations. I'm a Republican and urge you to stop letting these monopolies do this to your own Hoosiers. We need municipal like providers. Centerpoint has no competition. How is this the only sector that allows monopolies? Get a grip on reality. You guys will start to lose elections.

It is a basic human right in the modern 21st century world to have fair priced utilities. People are paying almost as much as their mortgages now for all their utilities.

Protect Hoosiers. We shouldn't have to have our thermostats on 58-65 degrees due to centerpoint screwing us to our knees. Work for the Hoosiers. Not the TEXAS BASED company.

The CEO made 37.8 million last year. Get a grip. They don't need to charge more. They obviously have more than enough.

Regards,
Ryan Freeman
541 S Kelsey Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Ryan Stratman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ryan Stratman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 10:38:26 AM

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Respectfully,
Ryan Stratman
5931 W St Joseph Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Sachel SUTTON](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sachel SUTTON - Utility Affordability and Energy Independence for all Hoosiers
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:35:28 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

My utility bills just keep going up, despite my best efforts to lower them. Using less energy doesn't make much of a dent in my bills, thanks to high fixed monthly charges and declining block rates approved by unaccountable utility regulators. Legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly also makes it harder for me to save money and control my own energy use.

SEA 309, passed in 2017, ends net metering in Indiana. If I wanted to put solar on my roof, I will get credited at a rate that is about 75% lower than what I pay to the utility when I purchase electricity. This makes it harder for Hoosiers to gain energy independence from monopoly utilities by going solar.

Another way state legislators have contributed to rising energy costs is by killing Indiana's energy efficiency program, Energizing Indiana, with SEA 340 (2014) and SEA 412 (2015). Energy efficiency is the cheapest energy resource available, emits no pollution, reduces utility bills, and creates local jobs which cannot be outsourced. These programs should be free from the influence of monopoly utilities, who are in the business of selling electricity and gas. Utilities can even charge us for the power they're not selling because of energy efficiency (so-called "lost revenues").

I urge you: please support policies that make monthly bills affordable for Hoosiers. Please work to repeal the anti-consumer legislation I mentioned to give residential utility customers (read ALL Hoosier households) a fair shake and the ability to be more energy independent.

Regards,
Sachel SUTTON
3129 E 695 N
Howe, IN 46746

From: [Sam Yoder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sam Yoder - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:43:37 AM

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Respectfully,
Sam Yoder
18050 Co Rd 112
Bristol, IN 46507

From: [Samantha Buente](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Samantha Buente - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:00:10 PM

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Thank you,
Samantha Buente
500 Washington Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Samantha Manuel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Samantha Manuel -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 10:35:27 AM

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Thank you,
Samantha Manuel
315 S Walsh St
Garrett, IN 46738

From: [Samantha Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Samantha Ricketts - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:12:50 AM

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Respectfully,
Samantha Ricketts
8620 IN-66
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Samantha Schembre](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Samantha Schembre - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:01:47 PM

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Regards,
Samantha Schembre
6731 Northfield Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: arnold6268@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandra Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Arnold-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:39:18 PM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Sandra Arnold
9931 BLAKE RD
Wadesville IN, 47638-9663

From: [Sandra Bailey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Bailey - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 1:36:50 PM

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Regards,
Sandra Bailey
1924 N Ruston Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: sifeazel@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandra Feazel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Feazel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:40:22 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Sandra Feazel
7055 JENNER RD
Newburgh IN, 47630-8179

From: skluemper@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandra Kluemper](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Kluemper - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:52:18 PM

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Sandra Kluemper
17146 OLD STATE RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-9465

From: [Sandra Peak](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Peak - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 9:32:51 AM

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Respectfully,
Sandra Peak
5244 Blueridge Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Sandra Peak](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Peak -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 1:08:05 PM

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5244 Blueridge Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: mamaphelps2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandra Phelps](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Phelps - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:23:26 PM

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Sandra Phelps
8201 TIMBERLAKE DR
MOUNT VERNON IN, 47620-8642

From: [Sandra Yoder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Yoder - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:45:25 PM

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Sandra Yoder
2544 IN-261
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: sfrank=usi.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandy Frank](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Frank-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:34:19 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Thank you

Thank you.

Sandy Frank
7200 UPPER MOUNT VERNON RD
Evansville IN, 47712-2986

From: [Sandy Metzger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandy Metzger - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:38:31 PM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Sandy Metzger
222 Old Plank Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Sara Basham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Basham - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:56:43 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Sara Basham
1714 Greenfield Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Sara Richardson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Richardson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:45:30 AM

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Regards,
Sara Richardson
705 E Virginia St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Sara Watson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Watson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:40:04 PM

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Sara Watson
7849 Wisteria Ln
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Sara Watson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Watson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:28:20 AM

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Regards,
Sara Watson
7849 Wisteria Ln
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Sarah Dyson \(sarahdyson@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:sarahdyson@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sarah Dyson - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:53:43 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dyson
4717 Stratford Rd
Evansville, IN 47710
sarahdyson@gmail.com
(812) 774-8344

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From: [sarah flake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: sarah flake -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 1:13:19 PM

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Thank you,
sarah flake
26 N Kelsey Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Sarah Herschelman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sarah Herschelman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 11:43:36 AM

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Regards,
Sarah Herschelman
3113 Marion Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Sarah Higdon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sarah Higdon - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:38:19 PM

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Regards,
Sarah Higdon
305 W Haub St
Haubstadt, IN 47639

From: [Sarah Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sarah Wilson -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 6:57:22 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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Respectfully,
Sarah Wilson
342 E Evergreen Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Saundra Hadley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Saundra Hadley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:56:37 PM

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Thank you,
Saundra Hadley
8437 Bell Oaks Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [SAUNDRA HADLEY](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: SAUNDRA HADLEY - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 1:29:00 PM

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Respectfully,
SAUNDRA HADLEY
8437 BELL OAKS DRIVE, 127
IN 47635

From: [Schrodt Erica \(ejschrodt16@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:ejschrodt16@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Schrodt Erica - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 2:35:02 PM

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Dear OUCC,

100 extra a month with no extra benefits or services is not how the only energy company available takes care of their community.

Dear Counselor William Fine,

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Sincerely,

Schrodt Erica
2112 n Heidelberg
Evansville, IN 47711
ejschrodt16@gmail.com
(812) 646-5538

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From: [Scott Paul](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott Paul - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:04:05 PM

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Thank you,
Scott Paul
6024 Hogue Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: bbbands=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Scott Thompson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott Thompson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:48:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Scott Thompson
2422 BRIARCLIFF DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8602

From: site=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Scott VanMeter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott VanMeter-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:09:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Scott VanMeter
3310 FOLZ LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-1552

From: [Scottie Eickhoff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scottie Eickhoff - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:30:07 AM

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Regards,
Scottie Eickhoff
8701 Lower Mt Vernon Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: scottle61.sr@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Scotty Renschler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scotty Renschler - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:55:19 PM

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Scotty Renschler
5200 LEE ACRES DR
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-9524

From: therym.sa@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sean Appel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sean Appel-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:23:19 PM

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Thank you.

Sean Appel
6965 E COUNTY ROAD 1900 N
DALE IN, 47523-9804

From: [Serena Ricketts](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Serena Ricketts - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:17:22 AM

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Respectfully,
Serena Ricketts
910 S Barker Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Shae Kokomoor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shae Kokomoor - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:33:12 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Shae Kokomoor
2621 Caribou Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Shae Kokomoor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shae Kokomoor - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024 1:21:04 AM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Shae Kokomoor
2621 Caribou Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

From: [Shannon Heck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Heck - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:38:13 PM

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Thank you,
Shannon Heck
100 S Spring St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: tiredoldman.sj@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shannon Jennings](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Jennings-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:38:18 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Shannon Jennings
3126 W COUNTY ROAD 50 N
Rockport IN, 47635-8832

From: shannon.mitchell124@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shannon Mitchell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Mitchell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:44:21 PM

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Shannon Mitchell
4333 BELL RD UNIT 1411
Newburgh IN, 47630-8167

From: [Shannon Pritchard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Pritchard - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:13:18 PM

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Thank you,
Shannon Pritchard
838 Ravenswood Dr
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Shannon Psotta](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Psotta - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 1:47:23 AM

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Respectfully,
Shannon Psotta
616 Lodge Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: shari_ferron@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [shari ferron](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: shari ferron-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:09:18 PM

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Thank you.

shari ferron
1006 N BARKER AVE
Evansville IN, 47720-5907

From: shari.greenwell@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shari Greenwell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shari Greenwell - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:26:19 AM

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Thank you.

Shari Greenwell
4377 CHERRY BLOSSOM CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8519

From: zenyata1978@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shari Lemp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shari Lemp-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:10:21 PM

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Thank you.

Shari Lemp
5224 BOJANGLES LN
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-2270

From: [Sharon Cahill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Cahill - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:15:49 PM

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Respectfully,
Sharon Cahill
2610 E Chandler Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Sharon Kamman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Kamman -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:55:31 AM

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Sharon Kamman
922 Holly Dr
Seymour, IN 47274

From: [Sharon Settle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Settle - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:27:28 AM

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Sharon Settle
809 Harmon Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Sharon Settle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Settle -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:18:10 AM

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Sharon Settle
809 Harmon Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Sharon Settle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Settle -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:05:18 PM

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809 Harmon Ct
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Sharon Waterston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Waterston - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:48:09 AM

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Sharon Waterston
3530 Dorothy Ln
Richmond, IN 47374

From: sow1028@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sharon Wells](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Wells - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:54:19 PM

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8616 BURCH PARK DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6555

From: [Sharon Werne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Werne - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:50:02 PM

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Respectfully,
Sharon Werne
180 County Rd 350 S
Princeton, IN 47670

From: [Shawn Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Smith - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:39:44 AM

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Respectfully,
Shawn Smith
7704 Glenoak Pkwy
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

From: [Shawn Underwood](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Underwood - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:51:46 AM

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Shawn Underwood
714 E Virginia St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Shawn Wiles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawn Wiles - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:48:55 AM

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Regards,
Shawn Wiles
511 Westbriar Cir
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Shawna Fine \(shawna.porcelli@my.maryvillecollege.edu\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:shawna.porcelli@my.maryvillecollege.edu)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shawna Fine - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:45:10 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Shawna Fine
205 W Strain St
Fort branch, IN 47648
shawna.porcelli@my.maryvillecollege.edu
(812) 568-1678

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From: mskantner=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [sheila kantner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: sheila kantner - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:19:22 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

sheila kantner
405 west clark st
Princeton IN, 47670-2101

From: [Sheila Nicholas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheila Nicholas - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:02:50 PM

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Thank you,
Sheila Nicholas
7727 Tavalon Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Sheila Vincent](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheila Vincent - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:37:15 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Sheila Vincent
10401 Wolfinger Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Sheldon Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheldon Allen - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 5:07:51 PM

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Thank you,
Sheldon Allen
3342 Torrington Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: mom2pekes2@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shelley Kelley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shelley Kelley - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:21:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Shelley Kelley
144 N YANKEETOWN RD
BOONVILLE IN, 47601-2115

From: [Shelley Schmitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shelley Schmitt - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:23:44 PM

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Regards,
Shelley Schmitt
2314 Parkside Dr
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Sherie Bolick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sherie Bolick - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:16:28 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am a retired widow of 81 years of age on a fixed income. This would be very very difficult for me.

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

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Respectfully,
Sherie Bolick
5923 Kennesaw Trail
Columbus, IN 47203

From: [Sherri Hatcher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sherri Hatcher - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 9:36:07 PM

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Thank you,
Sherri Hatcher
1512 S Ruston Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [shields Aleisha](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: shields Aleisha - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:00:49 AM

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Respectfully,
shields Aleisha
3112 Kratzville Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Shilah Baker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shilah Baker - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:10:09 AM

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Respectfully,
Shilah Baker
1901 S Walnut Ln
Evansville, IN 47714

From: beckywoods0@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Shirley Woods](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shirley Woods-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:05:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Shirley Woods
4211 SEIB RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47720-7636

From: [Shreya Patel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shreya Patel - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:45:44 PM

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Thank you,
Shreya Patel
Evansville Indiana
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Sidney Tucker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sidney Tucker - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:43:04 PM

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Thank you,
Sidney Tucker
789 Cardinal Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: soniarice1414@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sonia Rice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sonia Rice - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:10:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Sonia Rice
4333 HAWTHORNE DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-3702

From: [Spicey Meeks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Spicey Meeks - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 5:11:41 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

My home is a one level, 959 sqft home. My gas bill rose to \$130 with \$93 being distribution charges. The previous bill was under \$50. It's an unreal increase myself and other hard working families are having to deal with. I am a single woman working two jobs to pay for my mortgage and bills. The further increase they are proposing will force people to decide between necessities and paying utilities.

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Thank you,
Spicey Meeks
2106 Boulevard Pl
Princeton, IN 47670

From: [Stacia Thomas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacia Thomas - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:02 PM

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Thank you,
Stacia Thomas
5341 Heron Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Stacia Thomas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacia Thomas - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:52:04 AM

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Respectfully,
Stacia Thomas
5341 Heron Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: stacydixon11@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stacy Dixon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy Dixon - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:02:21 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Stacy Dixon
15200 KINGSMONT DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6408

From: [Stacy Mahaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy Mahaney - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:19:01 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I just moved here at the beginning of this year and wish I would have researched it more. I've never seen such a high utility bill and this place has better insulation and my billing cycle was only 27 days. We can't afford this! I love my house and I love my location but if centerpoint gets this hike approved, we will be looking to move to somewhere more affordable. No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Thank you,
Stacy Mahaney
110 Mill St
Gentryville, IN 47537

From: [Stacy Mahaney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy Mahaney - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:01:44 PM

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Regards,
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110 Mill St
Gentryville, IN 47537

From: dmccuiston2002@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Debbie McCuiston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:23:20 AM

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520 SE 1ST ST
Evansville IN, 47713-1008

From: hahnley=twc.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stanley Hahn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stanley Hahn-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:05:24 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Stanley Hahn
2732 PENNSYLVANIA ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-5067

From: [Stefanie Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stefanie Brown - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:13:50 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Stefanie Brown
3001 Koring Rd
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Stephanie Aponte \(stephanieaponte6@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:stephanieaponte6@gmail.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Aponte - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 7:46:17 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Aponte
2650 W Iowa
Evansville, IN 47712
stephanieaponte6@gmail.com
(219) 973-3744

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From: [Stephanie Osborne](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Osborne - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:35:15 AM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Osborne
4900 Hoelscher Blvd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: stephie320=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stephanie Sigler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Sigler - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:56:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Stephanie Sigler
4312 ELMRIDGE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-2621

From: [Stephanie Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Taylor - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:59:44 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990.

I am retired and now living on a fixed income. I cannot afford to have my bills raised for no good reasons.

I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Stephanie Taylor
401 E Park Dr
Edinburgh, IN 46124

From: [Stephanie tyda](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Tyda - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:31:22 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Stephanie tyda
81 White Pine Dr
Santa Claus, IN 47579

From: [Stephanie Woodruff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephanie Woodruff -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 11:03:07 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Woodruff
612 Hess Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Stephen Hall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen Hall -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:12:21 AM

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Respectfully,
Stephen Hall
872 Highway 178
IN 47712

From: skeener53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stephen keener](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen keener - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:05:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Stephen keener
7377 TIMBER VIEW DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8118

From: knelson466@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stephen Nelson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stephen Nelson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:31:20 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Stephen Nelson
466 E 800 S
FORT BRANCH IN, 47648-8026

From: stephen.thurmond=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [stephen thurmond](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: stephen thurmond-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:36:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

stephen thurmond
5233 carriage drive
211
Evansville IN, 47715-2576

From: [Steve Amos](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Amos - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:33:22 PM

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Thank you,
Steve Amos
610 W Jennings St
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Steve basham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve basham - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 11:50:46 AM

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Respectfully,
Steve basham
13377 Coles Creek Rd
Dale, IN 47523

From: [Steve dunlap](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve dunlap - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:27:58 PM

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Thank you,
Steve dunlap
6910 Broadway Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Steve Hallmann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Hallmann -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:07:03 PM

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Steve Hallmann
7011 Dove Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

From: stevenpinn=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Steve Nurrenbern](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Nurrenbern - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:36:19 PM

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Steve Nurrenbern
927 RADIO AVE
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-1254

From: sbsteve@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Steve Olson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Olson - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:21:19 AM

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Steve Olson
1755 S. Kenmore Dr.
Evansville IN, 47714-5551

From: steve=pacefieldservices.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Steve Plough](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Plough - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:35:37 AM

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Steve Plough
8640 Waterford Drive
Mount Vernon IN, 47620-9502

From: [Steven Adkins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Adkins -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:55:21 PM

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Regards,
Steven Adkins
410 Plaza Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Steven Connaughton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Connaughton - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:43:06 PM

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Respectfully,
Steven Connaughton
Jenner Rd
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Steven Oechsle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Oechsle - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:55:14 PM

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It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Steven Oechsle
7344 Outer Lincoln Ave
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: sstanfill=mac.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Steven Stanfill](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Stanfill-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:28:17 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

Centerpoint already has some of the highest rates in this part of the country, and further increases are not warranted and should be categorically and completely denied. If anything, the commission should move to reduce the electric rates currently charged by Centerpoint to something closer to the national average, or even better, the state average for Indiana.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. In addition, Centerpoint is proposing to increase the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity. Also, this charge disincentivizes Hoosiers to invest in alternative energy sources, since most of those types of solutions require connection to the grid. This is simply a regressive, back door way to further strengthen their monopoly in the state.

Again, to reiterate, CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. Enough is enough! I'm asking that you completely and categorically deny this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Steven Stanfill
4333 CHERRY BLOSSOM CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8519

From: [Steven Vandergriff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Vandergriff - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:39:47 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Steven Vandergriff
7015 Northfield Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: scwoolston=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sue Woolston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sue Woolston - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 12:46:21 AM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

I'm concerned by the shocking size of the increased cost per month. Also concerning is the increase to the customer charge. Having this fee increase by \$12, before we even flip a light switch on, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less electricity.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Sue Woolston
705 KENNEDY DR
Fort Branch IN, 47648-9773

From: [Suzette Reshanov](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzette Reshanov - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 1:02:00 PM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Suzette Reshanov
909 E Blackford Ave
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Susan Blankenship](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Blankenship - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:29:27 PM

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Thank you,
Susan Blankenship
1108 S Lincoln Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Susan Cullman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Cullman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:22:26 PM

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Thank you,
Susan Cullman
4265 Benthall Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: sdaniel1950@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Susan Daniel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Daniel - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 4:48:19 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and say no to the recent rate proposal from CenterPoint Energy in Cause No. 45990.

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you
Susan Daniel

Thank you.

Susan Daniel
3166 SUMMIT CT
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-8420

From: [Susan Gourley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Gourley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:38:45 AM

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Thank you,
Susan Gourley
1335 Schillinger Rd
Evansville, IN 47725

From: suseli=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Susan Humphrey](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Humphrey - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:53:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Susan Humphrey
7712 COVENTRY CT APT B
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-8102

From: [Susan Husk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Husk - REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month. It's is outrageous
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 7:54:27 PM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Susan Husk
5444 Jeffries Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Susan Memmer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Memmer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:54:59 AM

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Respectfully,
Susan Memmer
812 E Mill Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: butrflisr@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Susan Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Miller - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:00:38 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Susan Miller
1417 E MISSOURI ST
Evansville IN, 47711-5267

From: [Susan Vaught](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Vaught -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:27:40 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Susan Vaught
228 N Main St
Franklin, IN 46131

From: cevens1003@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Susan walker-evans](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan walker-evans - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:08:23 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Susan walker-evans
6508 OLD STATE RD
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-4640

From: [Sydney Fritch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sydney Fritch - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 6:34:09 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

As a single income household, it's absolutely absurd I am paying nearly \$400 a month for electricity when keeping my house cooler in the winter (65 degrees) and warmer in the summer (74 degrees). PLEASE reject Centerpoint's proposal in the best interest of other Hoosiers like me who are struggling to pay high electricity bills.

Regards,
Sydney Fritch
903 Ravenswood Dr
Evansville, IN 47713

From: sdyork58@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sylvia York](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sylvia York - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:38:18 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Sylvia York
4044 EAGLE WATCH DR
Evansville IN, 47725-7830

From: [T. Weech](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: T. Weech - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:00:20 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
T. Weech
S Lombard Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Tabitha Timmons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tabitha Timmons - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:25:49 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Tabitha Timmons
1103 Georgia St
Evansville, IN 47710

From: rktabrown@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Tami Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tami Brown-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:39:22 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Tami Brown
7402 PINE RIDGE DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47712-3507

From: [Tamie Tatum](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tamie Tatum -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:54:44 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Tamie Tatum
PO Box 114
Anderson, IN 46015

From: [Tamira Rebman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tamira Rebman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:39 AM

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Regards,
Tamira Rebman
6421 Tree Top Trail
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

From: mstammybryan@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [tammy bryan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: tammy bryan-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:10:19 PM

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tammy bryan
5645 Ledgestone Dr
5645 Ledgestone Dr
Evansville IN, 47711-2293

From: [Tammy Crowley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tammy Crowley - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:36:46 PM

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Respectfully,
Tammy Crowley
1117 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: tanahterrell@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Tanah Terrell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tanah Terrell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:28:18 PM

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Tanah Terrell
7701 MEADOWVIEW DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47710-4849

From: [Tara Bradley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tara Bradley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 5:48:02 PM

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Thank you,
Tara Bradley
4717 Crown Ridge Ct
Evansville, IN 47725

From: motereaj=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Tereasa Mosier](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tereasa Mosier-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:15:22 PM

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Tereasa Mosier
1350 OLD PLANK RD
Newburgh IN, 47630-8113

From: teresaalexander2018@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Teresa Alexander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Alexander-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:13:20 PM

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Thank you.

Teresa Alexander
1604 BROOKSIDE DR
Evansville IN, 47714-2048

From: [Teresa Berg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Berg - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:07:36 PM

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Respectfully,
Teresa Berg
6214 Overpass Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [Teresa Schafer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Schafer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:40:56 PM

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Thank you,
Teresa Schafer
775 Cardinal Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Teresa Schafer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Teresa Schafer - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:59:02 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Teresa Schafer
775 Cardinal Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Terri Kendall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terri Kendall - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:24:19 PM

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I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint also does not need to be looking for funding for gas powered plants. We already have some of the most polluted air in Indiana. We need to be seeking to use more clean energy, which also tends to be a cheaper option.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Terri Kendall
1724 S Garvin St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [TERRI Schaefer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terri Schaefer - Center Point Rate Increase
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:40:35 PM

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There has to be a tipping point to the greed that they keep using their customers for. Between seniors on a fixed income and people who are just trying to get by, you cannot get ahead. People just cannot keep up the cost of living and it is just getting harder and harder every day.

Time for them to give up some of those million-dollar bonus they receive at the expense of the consumer. Seniors especially are having a hard time. Many have to chose between, keeping their house warm or cool depending on the season, getting their drugs, or even groceries to have a decent meal. Many are living on peanut butter alone.

If they want this increase then send it to the voters to pass the increase and not a bunch of business men who are share holders in the company. This would be a fair resolution to all their greed.

Terri Schaefer
Consumer in Southern Indiana

From: tziliak7@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Terri Ziliak](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terri Ziliak - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:54:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Terri Ziliak
7256 S 425 E
Fort Branch IN, 47648-8437

From: [Terrie Gibbs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terrie Gibbs - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:22:19 PM

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Thank you,
Terrie Gibbs
1715 Madison Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: tjonas_55@icloud.com on behalf of [Terry Jonas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Jonas - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:54:48 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Terry Jonas
8319 HAZEL CT
Evansville IN, 47725-6600

From: tgiles61@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Terry Liles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Liles-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:16:30 PM

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Terry Liles
610 S 9TH AVE
HAUBSTADT IN, 47639-8235

From: [Terry Little](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry little - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:24:53 AM

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Thank you,
Terry Little
608 E North D St
Gas City, IN 46933

From: [Terry Stone](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Stone -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:09:30 AM

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Respectfully,
Terry Stone
4330 Spring Valley Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: info=htpaintingpowdercoating.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Terry Wallace](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Wallace - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:28:16 AM

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Thank you

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Terry Wallace
6005 east st rd 64
Francisco IN, 47649-9082

From: themapollard@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Thelma Powell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thelma Powell-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:24:19 PM

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Thelma Powell
927 LINE ST
Evansville IN, 47713-1534

From: [Thomas Kilbane](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas Kilbane -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 2:35:06 PM

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Respectfully,
Thomas Kilbane
10633 County Rd 509 S
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Tim Allen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tim Allen - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:00:42 PM

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Thank you,
Tim Allen
5801 Serenity Dr
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: hlsng@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Tim Huelsing](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tim Huelsing - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:17:19 PM

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Tim Huelsing
508 MAIN ST APT 2C
Evansville IN, 47708-1637

From: [Tim Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tim Johnson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:00 PM

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Tim Johnson
1737 Foxcross Dr
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Tim K](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tim K - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:04:26 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Tim K
1210 Jefferson St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: timothypa218@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Timothy Aldridge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Aldridge - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:04:22 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Timothy Aldridge
13330 GILLES LN
Darmstadt IN, 47725-9580

From: [Timothy Ellinger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Ellinger - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:16:54 PM

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Respectfully,
Timothy Ellinger
6911 W Sweet Creek Dr
New Palestine, IN 46163

From: [Timothy Hollander](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Hollander - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:18:49 AM

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Thank you,
Timothy Hollander
913 Harmony Way
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Timothy Knapp](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Knapp - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:49:04 PM

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Respectfully,
Timothy Knapp
2623 Luigs Rd
Wadesville, IN 47638

From: [Timothy Sallee](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Sallee - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 5:28:38 PM

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Timothy Sallee
329 S Barker Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Timothy Thompson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Timothy Thompson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:09:31 PM

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Thank you,
Timothy Thompson
2063 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Tina Doolen \(tina.doolen@astound.net\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:tina.doolen@astound.net)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tina Doolen - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 6:19:03 PM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Tina Doolen
8100 Sharon Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630
tina.doolen@astound.net
(812) 774-5066

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From: [Tina hile](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tina hile - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:30:00 PM

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Respectfully,
Tina hile
1912 W Virginia St
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Todd Beck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Todd Beck - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:50:29 PM

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Todd Beck
1617 Harmony Way
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Todd Remley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Todd Remley - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 6:34:22 PM

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Regards,
Todd Remley
4312 Stringtown Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Tom Ballard](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tom Ballard -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:59:04 AM

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Regards,
Tom Ballard
5733 Fiesta Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Tom Sommerfield](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tom Sommerfield - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:17:16 AM

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Respectfully,
Tom Sommerfield
2700 Blackburn Rd
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: tonyahiggs12@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Tonya Higgs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tonya Higgs - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:38:18 PM

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Tonya Higgs
6999 HADLEY RD
GENTRYVILLE IN, 47537-7829

From: [Torja Babb](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Torja Babb -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 2:54:41 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I know you've gotten a lot of the same email, hearing the same thing. I don't know if it's even effective. I guess it's not, because someone keeps approving rate increases. There are babies going cold in the winter. My friends and myself get to choose between eating and paying centerpoint. I don't understand how anyone in good conscious can keep approving these rate increases. Maybe you get to go home from work to a warm home in the winter. You see your children smiling and running up to you barefoot on your fancy heated tile floors. Maybe people in the IURC are too out of touch now. Maybe you've always had help from family when you've fallen on hard times. The rest of us don't have that. All we have are these copy and pasted emails that we hope you read. Hopefully someone breaks through to you. Maybe our pleas will finally reach your ears.

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Torja Babb
1812 E Franklin St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Tracie Whalen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracie Whalen - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:56:33 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please **REJECT** CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990. **YOU MUST REJECT!**

Respectfully,
Tracie Whalen
2901 E Mulberry St
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Tracy Evans](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Evans - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:20:55 PM

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Thank you,
Tracy Evans
4988 Camp Ln
Velpen, IN 47590

From: [Tracy Wilson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tracy Wilson - Hoosiers deserve affordable bills and accountable utility regulators
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:39:10 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I am very concerned that Hoosiers are struggling to afford ever-increasing utility bills. Indiana now pays the 12th highest residential electric bills in the country!

Residential utility customers have an extremely limited role in controlling the cost of our utility service. With unaccountable utility regulators, an appointed Consumer Counselor, and legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly that tips the regulatory process in favor of the utilities, it's no wonder that utility bills across Indiana have continually increased while our ability to pay those bills continues to diminish. Thousands of Hoosiers have had electric and gas service disconnected every month since September 2022, according to data reported to the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Struggling to afford utility service puts Hoosiers in difficult and dangerous positions. We need policies that protect consumers and public health, like strong weatherization programs, affordable repayment plans to catch up on utility debt, and a summer disconnection moratorium to limit the number of Hoosiers enduring high temperatures without electricity. Please do everything you can to pursue affordable monthly utility bills for all Hoosier households!

Regards,
Tracy Wilson
4722 Salem Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Travis Davis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Travis Davis - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:03 PM

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Respectfully,
Travis Davis
5344 Jeffries Ln
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: [Travis Tornatore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Travis Tornatore - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:27:57 AM

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Travis Tornatore
7810 Bartels Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Travis Tornatore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Travis Tornatore - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:26:53 PM

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Also, their tired band-aid of throwing money at Non-Profits to appease concerns about their increases isn't working. I went for assistance once and the staff working at the non-profit was extremely rude and yelling at us for looking at our phones during the hour plus wait. Maybe, the CEO can pay for the non-profit bail out from his \$3 Million annual salary (the highest among energy company CEOs).

We can't take any more rate increases and I'm TIRED of subsidizing low rates for Center Point's customers in their home state of Texas! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Travis Tornatore
1142 Oxford Square
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Trevor Dale](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Trevor Dale - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:55:22 PM

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Thank you,
Trevor Dale
1225 Mesker Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Trinity miles](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Trinity miles - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024 7:35:40 PM

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Thank you,
Trinity miles
654 E Maryland St
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Troy Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Troy Miller - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:25:04 PM

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Respectfully,
Troy Miller
5200 Ruston Ln
Evansville, IN 47725

From: twilahornbeck@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Twila Hornbeck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Twila Hornbeck-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:34:20 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Twila Hornbeck
507 W WATER ST
NEWBURGH IN, 47630-1153

From: [Twila York](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Twila York - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:43:04 AM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Twila York
2805 Vermont Ave
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Tyler Rohlman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tyler Rohlman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:57:47 PM

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We are to a breaking point now. Eventually majority of Centerpoint customers will have no choice but to disconnect their services due to lack of funds. That would be a major blow to 'Profits' I would say.

Respectfully,
Tyler Rohlman
2306 Selzer Rd
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Tyler Sanders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Tyler Sanders - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:01 PM

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Thank you,
Tyler Sanders
7400 Jenner Rd
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Val Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Val Johnson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:56:13 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Waves aren't rising enough to sustain this cost! If the federal government can afford to support Isreal then they can help us pay for the work Centerpoint needs to get done.

Centerpoint's CEO makes \$38 million dollars every yr in base salary alone. He can pay for the updates Centerpoint needs.

This is blatant greed.

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Thank you,
Val Johnson
804 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [VAL Johnson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: VAL Johnson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:22:56 PM

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Regards,
VAL Johnson
804 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47713

From: [Valerie Acree](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie Acree -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 8:15:35 AM

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Regards,
Valerie Acree
901 York Rd
Evansville, IN 47715

From: [Valerie Lay](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie Lay -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:03:37 AM

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Respectfully,
Valerie Lay
3721 Kathleen Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Vance Fisher](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vance Fisher - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:31:05 PM

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Regards,
Vance Fisher
9121 Southport Dr
Evansville, IN 47711

From: vdbouchie@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Vanessa Bouchie](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vanessa Bouchie - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:40:21 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Vanessa Bouchie
123 ALEXANDRIA
Newburgh IN, 47630-2417

From: [VANESSA DEMERS](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: VANESSA DEMERS - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:38:59 PM

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Regards,
VANESSA DEMERS
1007 E Killian Dr
Mooresville, IN 46158

From: [Vanessa Powell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vanessa Powell - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 1:42:57 AM

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Thank you,
Vanessa Powell
855 S St James Blvd
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Vanessa Schoff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vanessa Schoff - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:47 AM

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Regards,
Vanessa Schoff
3750 N 300 W
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Verla Matthews](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Verla Matthews - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024 11:36:49 AM

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Regards,
Verla Matthews
5933 S Bethany Church Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Verla Matthews](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Verla Matthews -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:19:50 PM

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Respectfully,
Verla Matthews
5933 S Bethany Church Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

From: [Vicki White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vicki White - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Vicki White
2320 Glenn Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Vicki White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vicki White - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:02:41 PM

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2320 Glenn Ave
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To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vicki White - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:38:16 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. I've lost track of how many times they've filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and now CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases!

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Vicki White
2320 Glenn Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

From: [Vickie Basham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vickie Basham - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 9:14:14 PM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Vickie Basham
13377 Coles Creek Rd
Dale, IN 47523

From: [Victoria Hubert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Victoria Hubert - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:28:57 AM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

We already have \$600-\$800 a month bills. Please my center point bill sometimes is way more than my rent per month.

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Victoria Hubert
1015 MacArthur Cir
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [Vince Frazier](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vince Frazier - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:46:23 AM

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Thank you,
Vince Frazier
7237 S State Road 75
Cutler, IN 46920

From: [stephan moore](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Vince Frazier - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 8:32:26 AM

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Regards,
stephan moore
6620 Carson School Rd
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

From: vi.paul45@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Violet Paul](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Violet Paul - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:27:22 PM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

Violet Paul
1018 E DELAWARE ST
EVANSVILLE IN, 47711-5224

From: vr.rasche@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Virgil Rasche](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Virgil Rasche - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:44:18 AM

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Thank you.

Virgil Rasche
223 W ELM ST
Oakland City IN, 47660-1735

From: [Virginia Poston](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Virginia Poston - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:11:52 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

A monopoly that takes the place of a publicly owned and operated utility should have their poor business decisions paid for by its CEO and shareholders, not its customers who have no choice of provider.

I wholeheartedly agree with the following statements:

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Regards,
Virginia Poston
729 N Sonntag Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: Wadeshere=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Wade Bates](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wade Bates - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:09:19 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Wade Bates
7047e County rd 250s
Winslow IN, 47598-8374

From: [Wanda Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wanda Harris - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 1:53:16 AM

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Thank you,
Wanda Harris
3532 Arbor Pointe Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

From: weisswr=bellsouth.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Wayne Weiss](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wayne Weiss - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:24:23 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Wayne Weiss
13420 SYLVAN CT
EVANSVILLE IN, 47725-6841

From: [waynette TenBarge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: waynette TenBarge -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:07:53 PM

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Thank you,
waynette TenBarge
217 Savannah Nicole Rd
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

From: [Whitley Emge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Whitley Emge - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:46:54 AM

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Thank you,
Whitley Emge
605 Erie Dr
Chandler, IN 47610

From: [Whitney Baird](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Whitney Baird - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:07:37 AM

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Thank you,
Whitney Baird
821 Mahrenholz Ave
Evansville, IN 47712

From: [Whitney Cutteridge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Whitney Cutteridge - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:26:30 PM

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Respectfully,
Whitney Cutteridge
2001 I U Dr
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Whitney Luecke](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Whitney Luecke - Centerpoint monopoly
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:36:48 PM

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The prices created by this monopoly are detrimental to the local economy. We need other options to keep prices from being so outrageous. Stop being greedy.

Whitney Luecke

From: brucecrouch264@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Crouch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Crouch - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:15:20 AM

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CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

William Crouch
1928 PLAZA DR
EVANSVILLE IN, 47715-8443

From: billye26@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Engelbrecht](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Engelbrecht -Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:11:18 PM

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Thank you

William Engelbrecht

Thank you.

William Engelbrecht
8307 Sail Dr
Newburgh IN, 47715-9110

From: pdidit333@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Finn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Finn - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:09:27 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

William Finn
1050 Bayard Park Dr apt 105
EVANSVILLE IN, 47714-1849

From: [William Hemminger \(bh35@evansville.edu\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:bh35@evansville.edu)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Hemminger - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:56:01 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

William Hemminger
737 South Norman
Evansville, IN 47714
bh35@evansville.edu
(812) 476-1618

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From: wice53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Ice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Ice-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:40:18 PM

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Thank you.

William Ice
609 MELS DR
Evansville IN, 47712-9684

From: [WILLIAM KELLEY](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: WILLIAM KELLEY - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 10:50:52 PM

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Regards,
WILLIAM KELLEY
212 Main St
Mt Vernon, IN 47620

From: [William Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Miller - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 11:06:39 AM

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CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
William Miller
723 S Bennighof Ave
Evansville, IN 47714

From: [William Mingus](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Mingus -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:00:46 PM

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
William Mingus
817 Main St
Grandview, IN 47615

From: brenda.s.reiners@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Reiners](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Reiners-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:20:18 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our electric bill makes it even more difficult.

CenterPoint customers have been paying higher rates than Hoosiers across the state for a very long time. I'm asking that you please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you

Thank you.

William Reiners
10633 HAMPTON PL
Newburgh IN, 47630-8792

From: [Wrena Searing](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wrena Searing -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:16:35 PM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Wrena Searing
PO Box 22
Universal, IN 47884

From: [Yesenia De Leon \(yndeleon94@outlook.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:yndeleon94@outlook.com)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Yesenia De Leon - Cause Number 45990: Oppose CenterPoint's Rate Increase
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 10:02:35 AM

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Dear OUCC,

Most families are middle class and struggling enough without worrying about higher electric bills!

Dear Counselor William Fine,

CenterPoint Energy is asking too much from customers in Cause Number 45990. Customers in CenterPoint Energy's service territory have paid the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, as CenterPoint overinvested customer money in aging power plants, leading to a higher than average energy burden in our community according to Department of Energy Low-Income Energy Affordability data. A proposed rate increase of over \$47/mo. for an average bill will deepen our energy burden and increase the number of CenterPoint customers in our community who cannot afford their bills.

Additionally, CenterPoint Energy wants to raise our fixed monthly charge to over \$23 per month. High fixed charges impact customers' ability to have control over their energy bills by reducing the savings for customers of increased energy efficiency, weatherization and decreased usage.

CenterPoint Energy should be doing more to take advantage of federal funding for a clean energy transition. The Inflation Reduction Act has put cost savings on the table for energy communities like SW Indiana.

I urge you to oppose CenterPoint's rate increase by:

- rejecting an increase in monthly fixed charges,
- lowering CenterPoint's return on equity,
- expanding protections for customers experiencing a high energy burden, and
- ensuring customers are receiving the maximum benefit and cost savings of federal dollars available in the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs acts.

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Sincerely,

Yesenia De Leon
1921 E Powell Ave
Evansville, IN 47714
yndeleon94@outlook.com
(812) 266-5286

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From: ycm=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Yuell Clark Moye](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Yuell Clark Moye - Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:23:20 AM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Yuell Clark Moye
835 E BLACKFORD AVE
Evansville IN, 47713-2250

From: vinson309@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Yvette Vinson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Yvette Vinson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:07:17 PM

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Thank you.

Yvette Vinson
2355 HOLBROOK DR
Newburgh IN, 47630-8643

From: [Zach Bender](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zach Bender - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:42:30 PM

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Regards,
Zach Bender
5304 Stratford Rd
Evansville, IN 47710

From: [Zachary Hendrix](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zachary Hendrix - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 8:06:23 PM

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I would also like to add, how are we allowing centerpoint and companies to justify charging us more because they want to build more powerplants when the better solution would be to enable homeowners to reduce their electricity usages by incentivizing solar and bring back better net metering laws.

Respectfully,
Zachary Hendrix
1508 N St Joseph Ave
Evansville, IN 47720

From: [Zachary Hernandez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zachary Hernandez - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:09:16 PM

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Respectfully,
Zachary Hernandez
7138 E Gum St
Evansville, IN 47715

From: zwilliams1@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Zackarie Williamson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Zackarie Williamson-Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45990
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:20:19 PM

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Thank you

Thank you.

Zackarie Williamson
21 LOWER NEW HARMONY RD
NEW HARMONY IN, 47631-9680

February 16, 2024

RE: CenterPoint Rate Hike

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 south
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Sirs:

As a CenterPoint customer and concerned of the ability of Hoosiers to pay for their heating bills, I would like to register my concern at the requested rate hike. Both the minimum fixed monthly rate plus the increased costs should be reduced. I realize the importance of maintaining functioning lines and plants but CenterPoint is already higher than their utility peers.

Thanks for your work on behalf of Hoosiers.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Gettelfinger
Carmel, IN

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Clay H Coulter
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 4:45:47 PM

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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: Clay H Coulter

Email: claycoulter@gmail.com

Phone: (317) 341-4606

Address: 12140 Thicket Hill Cir

Carmel

IN

46033

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: please hold the line and dont let them RAISE our rates, we are dying here with this inflation, please lookout for our interests

I have strong concerns about the costs of Southern Indiana's abnormally high energy costs. I am from Evansville. My very good friends (who own small businesses there and work for other great local corporations) are being gouged by their insanely high electric bills. I have a friend who lives in an Evansville apt under 1k sq ft who is paying \$250 monthly in her electric bill. I have another friend paying up to \$525 a month for her electric bill (mind you she keeps her temps set to 65 in the winter to try to offset costs). This is crippling their lives and ability to pay for other basic needs. The corporate greed allowed by our state government officials who appointed the Utility management leaders is just abhorrent. Completely despicable. I will be voting for a Democrat for governor this upcoming election who will actually care about the well being of those who live and work in our state. What are you doing right now to address this?

Lindsey Webster
lmsandefur@gmail.com
514 Worth Court
Carmel, Indiana 46032-4401 IN05

From: [Sara Sanders](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Sanders - CenterPoint Rate Hike Request
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:30:11 PM

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Good morning

My name is Sara Sanders and I reside in Terre Haute IN. I have lived in TH for going on 8 years, and I have been greatly distressed by the ever increasing cost of residential natural gas provided by CenterPoint Energy. Beginning two years ago, during the pandemic, my monthly residential cost for natural gas has increased by more than 100%.

I am a senior citizen, living on a fixed income and struggling to stay in my family home. I must strongly protest CenterPoint Energy's outrageous request for yet another rate hike. This company is clearly profiting off of citizen's backs, all in favor of rewarding their stockholders. Please deny this rate hike request.

Thank you,
Sara Sanders
1141 S. Center St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802
281-235-7916

From: [Abby Molino](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Abby Molino - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:59:27 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

My 93 year old father isnt getting any raise. He stretches his money frugally. He can manage to live in his own home on his fixed income. I assist him but still run my own household too. I too am retired on fixed income. Such UTILITY raises cut into food money and health care funds. Maintenance of home and car funds. Money for insurance. Many people are like my father who pays Centerpoint before he eats. We dont have big retirement portfoliis. Since you already chronically charge higher rates than any other utility and receiving higher profits for shareholders, perhaps its time to widen your vision to the IMPACT this increase will have on people who have worked their entire lives and put children through college and run small businesses and continue to contribute to life. GET REAL. GET A HEART. GET A CONSCIENCE. GET OVER GREED.0 No one should ever have to choose between paying for food, shelter, healthcare, or utilities. With CenterPoint's latest request to raise our bills by over \$47 every month, I'm very concerned that more and more people in my community will be forced to make those extremely difficult - and dangerous - decisions.

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Thank you,
Abby Molino
5790 W Homestead Dr
Frankton, IN 46044

From: [Alejandro Samaniego](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alejandro Samaniego -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:39:14 PM

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Thank you,
Alejandro Samaniego
2302 Alabama St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Alesia Scott](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alesia Scott - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:08:02 AM

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Respectfully,
Alesia Scott
5016 Clarkson Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46254

From: [Alexis Chase](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Alexis Chase - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:12:40 AM

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Regards,
Alexis Chase
2024 Mystic Bay Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Amy Mickschl](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy Mickschl - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:51:35 AM

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Thank you,
Amy Mickschl
301 S 29th St
Lafayette, IN 47904

From: [Amy swier-vosnos](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Amy swier-vosnos -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 7:33:05 AM

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Regards,
Amy swier-vosnos
4356 N College Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Andrea Sullivan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrea Sullivan - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:58:46 PM

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Regards,
Andrea Sullivan
3620 Waycross Dr
Columbus, IN 47203

From: [Andrew Ruff](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Andrew Ruff - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:30:17 PM

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Regards,
Andrew Ruff
1414 E University St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Angel Ingram](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Angel Ingram -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:40:27 PM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Angel Ingram
8520 Walden Trace Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46278

From: [Anna Alvarez](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Alvarez - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:44:04 AM

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Regards,
Anna Alvarez
5826 Broadway St
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Anna Gross](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Gross - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:31:39 AM

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Thank you,
Anna Gross
4898 Martin Rd
North Manchester, IN 46962

From: [Anna Radue](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Radue - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:21:36 AM

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Respectfully,
Anna Radue
270 Goodnight Rd
Martinsville, IN 46151

From: [Anna Radue](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Radue - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:52:31 AM

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Martinsville, IN 46151

From: [Anna Rigney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anna Rigney - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:46:41 AM

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Regards,
Anna Rigney
5005 Coburn Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46228

From: [Anne Broderick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Broderick - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:32:32 PM

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Thank you,
Anne Broderick
8102 Englewood Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Anne Laker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Laker - Please reject CenterPoint hike request
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:30:20 AM

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Regards,
Anne Laker
2172 N Pennsylvania St
Indianapolis, IN 46202

From: [Anne Mahady](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Anne Mahady -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 6:52:02 PM

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Regards,
Anne Mahady
2 Chickadee Ln
Terre Haute, IN 47803

From: [April Sauer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: April Sauer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:40:32 AM

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Thank you,
April Sauer
947 Voyager Way
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: [Ari Hodes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ari Hodes - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:57:42 AM

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Thank you,
Ari Hodes
648 Edgemere Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46260

From: [Barb Glendenning](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barb Glendenning - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:39 AM

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Thank you,
Barb Glendenning
4967 W Hyde Ct
Columbus, IN 47203

From: [Barbara Brouiullette](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Brouiullette - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:21:51 PM

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Regards,
Barbara Brouiullette
9025 Moraine St
Dyer, IN 46311

From: [Barbara Hargrove](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barbara Hargrove - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:01 PM

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Respectfully,
Barbara Hargrove
22 Coolidge St
Hammond, IN 46324

From: [Barry Levitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Barry Levitt -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Sunday, January 28, 2024 9:27:15 AM

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Thank you,
Barry Levitt
5419 Spring Creek Pl
Indianapolis, IN 46254

From: [Beth Solomon](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beth Solomon - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:08:14 AM

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Thank you,
Beth Solomon
1043 Castle Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46227

From: [Beverly Matthews](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beverly Matthews - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:45:38 AM

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Thank you,
Beverly Matthews
1212 Ivywood Ct
New Castle, IN 47362

From: [beverly myers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: beverly myers - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:13:31 PM

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Thank you,
beverly myers
741 Colonial Way
Greenwood, IN 46142

From: [beverly.myers](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Beverly Myers - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:43:56 PM

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beverly myers
741 Colonial Way
Greenwood, IN 46142

From: [Bill Kendall](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bill Kendall - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:06:28 PM

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Thank you,
Bill Kendall
2171 Willow Dr E
Seymour, IN 47274

From: [Billie Williamson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Billie Williamson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:17:56 AM

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Thank you,
Billie Williamson
6717 Kennon Ct
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

From: [Brent Pittman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brent Pittman - \$169.26 bill for 1/23/24. CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:36 AM

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Thank you,
Brent Pittman
7249 Arbuckle Cmns Apt 480
Brownsburg, IN 46112

From: [Brent Pittman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brent Pittman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:35:02 AM

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From: [Brian Fischer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Fischer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:01:37 AM

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Thank you,
Brian Fischer
747 N Audubon Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Brian Scroggin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Scroggin - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:47:10 PM

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Thank you,
Brian Scroggin
9355 Champton Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46256

From: [Brian Selwa](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brian Selwa - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:52:01 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990.

CenterPoint is my gas provider and Duke is my electric provider. If you approve this for CenterPoint, Duke will be coming to you to raise my electric bill.

You have given the monopoly providers in this state carte blanche with their increases. You have also been complicit in reducing economic incentives to add solar to Hoosier rooftops. Everyone in this state will receive a rate increase if you approve this as the other utilities will be in line to raise their rates based upon your treatment of CenterPoint.

We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. All utilities want us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. The irony is that producing electricity with renewables coupled with battery storage is cheaper than coal or gas and yet our rates keep rising.

It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint and Duke are both financially healthy monopolies, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs. This article highlights the inflationary mechanisms at work and they are not flattering for many corporations: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2024/jan/19/us-inflation-caused-by-corporate-profits>

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Brian Selwa
7110 Summer Oak Dr
Noblesville, IN 46062

From: [Brittany Heer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Brittany Heer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:30:15 AM

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To be frank, I don't think CenterPoint deserves to have the highest return on equity out of all of Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities. They also don't deserve the highest fixed charge out of all the big electric utilities! Having to pay \$23.20 per month before we even turn on the lights is ridiculous.

CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

Please REJECT CenterPoint's request to hike our bills and our fixed charge in Cause Number 45990.

Respectfully,
Brittany Heer
4631 N College Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Bruce Hlodnicki](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Hlodnicki - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:44:04 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a financially healthy monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

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Regards,
Bruce Hlodnicki
6235 Lawrence Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46226

From: [Bruce Matt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Matt - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:26:18 PM

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Respectfully,
Bruce Matt
1235 Westvale Dr
Carmel, IN 46032

From: [Bruce Weaver](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Bruce Weaver - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:20:04 PM

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Bruce Weaver
7651 Micawber Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46256

From: [Carolyn Kaptain](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Carolyn Kaptain -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:48:14 PM

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Regards,
Carolyn Kaptain
1592 Hunters Ln
Greenwood, IN 46142

From: [CARRIE RUEL-FLORES](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: CARRIE RUEL-FLORES - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:41:17 PM

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Thank you,
CARRIE RUEL-FLORES
3004 E Perrysburg Rd
Logansport, IN 46947

From: [Catherine Snyder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Catherine Snyder - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:25:53 PM

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Thank you,
Catherine Snyder
6271 Allisonville Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Cathy Eads](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cathy Eads - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:13:52 AM

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Thank you,
Cathy Eads
6039 Royal Gate Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46237

From: [Cathy Hof](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cathy Hof - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:54:59 AM

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Respectfully,
Cathy Hof
9631 E Southport Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Cecelia Wisdom](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cecelia Wisdom -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:39:23 PM

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Thank you,
Cecelia Wisdom
2333 Lafayette Rd Apt 405
Indianapolis, IN 46222

From: [Celene Miller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Celene Miller - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:05:21 PM

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Thank you,
Celene Miller
835 S Hickory Dr
Bloomington, IN 47403

From: [Chad Martin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chad Martin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 11:46:54 AM

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Respectfully,
Chad Martin
8586 Weaver Woods Pl
Fishers, IN 46038

From: [Charles Niccum](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charles Niccum - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:17:16 AM

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Thank you,
Charles Niccum
9203 E 825 S
Upland, IN 46989

From: [Charles Shriner](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Charles Shriner - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Charles Shriner
5623 E Washington St Apt 7
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Chaunda Fabio](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chaunda Fabio - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:06:49 PM

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Respectfully,
Chaunda Fabio
8216 Glenwillow Ln Unit 104
Indianapolis, IN 46278

From: [Cheryl Harris](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cheryl Harris -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:30:24 PM

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Cheryl Harris
2218 Tennessee St
Gary, IN 46407

From: [Chris Judge](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Chris Judge - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:02:55 AM

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Chris Judge
3611 S Bainbridge Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Cindy Thompson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cindy Thompson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:42:02 PM

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Thank you,
Cindy Thompson
1545 Thunderbird Ct
Franklin, IN 46131

From: [CLIFFORD HESSEL](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: CLIFFORD HESSEL - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:02:28 AM

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Regards,
CLIFFORD HESSEL
700 N Forest Ave
Muncie, IN 47304

From: [Consumer. Indi](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Consumer. Indi - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
Consumer. Indi
10126 Monterey Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46235

From: [Craig McDonald](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Craig McDonald - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Craig McDonald
1305 E Prairie Dr
Bloomington, IN 47408

From: [Cynthia Clark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Clark - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Cynthia Clark
2203 Broadway St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Cynthia Grandia](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Grandia - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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2416 Calaveras Way
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Cynthia Morr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Cynthia Morr - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Regards,
Cynthia Morr
21499 Crowley Ct
Noblesville, IN 46062

From: [Dallas Cline](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dallas Cline - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
Dallas Cline
603 S Hudson Dr
Patoka, IN 47666

From: [Daniel Seering](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Daniel Seering - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Daniel Seering
205 Pebble Creek Dr
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [Danny Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Danny Brown - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Danny Brown
20473 Quicksilver Rd
Noblesville, IN 46062

From: [David Coppage](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Coppage - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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David Coppage
3019 N Ramble Rd W
Bloomington, IN 47408

From: [David Stevens](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: David Stevens - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
David Stevens
3920 S Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46217

From: [Deanna Smith](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deanna Smith - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Deanna Smith
3836 Oak Harbor Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46237

From: [Deb Sitarski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deb Sitarski - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:06:16 AM

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Deb Sitarski
280 Villa Ln
Terre Haute, IN 47802

From: [Deborah Sachs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Deborah Sachs - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Deborah Sachs
1566 Stoneybrook Grove Ln
Greenwood, IN 46142

From: [Dennis Carr](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Carr - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:56:10 PM

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Rate increases on customers, some of which end up in shareholder payouts, while customers have to decide between heat, medicine, food, etc., is cruel and morally indefensible. Reject this rate increase (robbery)! Sincerely, Dennis Carr, voter and activist Indianapolis 46203

Thank you,
Dennis Carr
1460 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

From: [Dennis Hood](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Hood -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Dennis Hood
3720 Brill Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

From: [Dennis Marietta](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dennis Marietta - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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2375 Wilbur Rd
Martinsville, IN 46151

From: [Diana Zlotnick](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Diana Zlotnick - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 1:14:04 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I urge you to reject CenterPoint's outrageous electric rate hike request in Cause Number 45990. CenterPoint has filed to raise my bills over the last few years, and at the same time reported their record profits.

CenterPoint has the gall to ask for another \$500+ every year? We can't afford any more increases just to bolster their already record profits.

We have been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation.

It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions. Used to be businesses set aside funds for such eventualities. But that doesn't justify CenterPoint forcing me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

The bottom line is that CenterPoint Energy Inc. is a FINANCIALLY STABLE monopoly, while customers like me are dealing with high bills on top of costs going through the roof for other essential needs.

We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990.

REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Diana Zlotnick
615 S Clifton Ave
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Don Jantzi](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Don Jantzi - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:19:20 PM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Don Jantzi
202 W Plymouth Ave
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Donna Butler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Butler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:52:32 AM

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Thank you,
Donna Butler
1 Providence Pl
Saint Mary-of-the-woods, IN 47876

From: [Donna Nahmias](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Donna Nahmias - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:41 AM

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CenterPoint electric customers desperately need relief. Please stand up for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric companies!

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Respectfully,
Donna Nahmias
210 Webb Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46227

From: [Doug Reilly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Reilly - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:20:59 AM

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Thank you,
Doug Reilly
6718 Echo Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46278

From: [Doug Reilly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Doug Reilly - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:29:26 AM

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6718 Echo Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46278

From: [Dwayne Thomas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Dwayne Thomas - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:24:57 AM

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Thank you,
Dwayne Thomas
3040 W Ridge Rd
Gary, IN 46408

From: [Elise Hannemann](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Elise Hannemann - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:06:41 PM

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Thank you,
Elise Hannemann
749 Emerson Rd
Carmel, IN 46032

From: [Elise Hertz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Elise Hertz - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:23:41 AM

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Regards,
Elise Hertz
935 Dequincy St
Indianapolis, IN 46201

From: [Ellen Bowen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ellen Bowen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:38:58 PM

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Regards,
Ellen Bowen
2905 W Blvd
Kokomo, IN 46902

From: [Eric Daniels](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Eric Daniels - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:14:51 PM

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Thank you,
Eric Daniels
S Clinton St
Clinton, IN 47842

From: [Frank Marshalek](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Frank Marshalek - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:17:57 AM

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We have already been paying the highest electric bills in Indiana for over a decade, and Center point is charging me over \$29/month during the 8 months of the year, even when I don't use ANY GAS! How on earth does CenterPoint - a monopoly utility with zero competition - need so much more of our hard earned money each and every month?

CenterPoint is clearly financially healthy, since they were able to buy Vectren for \$6 billion back in 2019, and they made over \$1 billion in profits in 2022. Meanwhile, folks in Southern Indiana are having a harder and harder time paying for the essential utility services we all depend on, especially as we're also facing big increases in the cost of housing, healthcare, and food.

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Respectfully,
Frank Marshalek
801 W 7th St
Bloomington, IN 47404

From: [Frank Marshalek](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Frank Marshalek - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:23 AM

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Frank Marshalek
801 W 7th St
Bloomington, IN 47404

From: [Frank Turpin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Frank Turpin - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:13:06 AM

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Please REJECT CenterPoint's outrageous rate hike request: Reject Cause Number 745990

Thank you,
Frank Turpin
7128 Cricklewood Cir
Indianapolis, IN 46250

From: [Fred Stark](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Fred Stark - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:26:09 AM

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Regards,
Fred Stark
1274 Smokey Row Ln
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Gail Bray](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gail Bray - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:04:53 PM

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Regards,
Gail Bray
4927 Eagle Talon Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46254

From: [Garrett Brown](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Garrett Brown - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:31:42 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Hey this is not right, I don't have any other options on my utility provider, inflation is high, my grocery bill is through the roof compared to one or two years ago, I just got an SBA loan at 11%, these rate hikes are hurting my family.

Respectfully,
Garrett Brown
717 Carlin Ct
Carmel, IN 46032

From: [Glenda Mitchell](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Glenda Mitchell - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:26:11 PM

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Regards,
Glenda Mitchell
969 Nevelle Ln
Carmel, IN 46032

From: [Greg Rambicure](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Greg Rambicure - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:40 AM

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Regards,
Greg Rambicure
13214 Dunwoody Ln
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Gregory Rowe](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Gregory Rowe - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:58:59 PM

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Respectfully,
Gregory Rowe
1294 S Barnes Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Grey Larsen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Grey Larsen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:39:56 AM

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Regards,
Grey Larsen
917 W Howe St
Bloomington, IN 47403

From: [Holly Hendrickson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Holly Hendrickson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:49:18 PM

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Respectfully,
Holly Hendrickson
4101 Tansel Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46234

From: [Holly Simpson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Holly Simpson - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:43:48 PM

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Holly Simpson
4501 N Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46208

From: [Holly welch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Holly welch - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:55:17 AM

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Holly welch
5158 Broadway St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [James DeBender](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James DeBender - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
James DeBender
10222 Woodland Ridge W
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

From: [James Graham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Graham - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
James Graham
1712 Calvert Farms Dr
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [James Kelly](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: James Kelly - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
James Kelly
1821 E Arden Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Jane Buller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jane Buller - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Jane Buller
2711 S Main St
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Janet Ault](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Ault - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:03:34 PM

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Thank you,
Janet Ault
4185 Gran Haven Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Janet Ault](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Ault - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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From: [Janet Harden](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janet Harden - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:30:20 AM

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Regards,
Janet Harden
1411 Lincoln Dr
Noblesville, IN 46060

From: [Janice Weeks](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Janice Weeks - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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3301 Timberbrook Ct
Danville, IN 46122

From: [Jannan DeCarli](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jannan DeCarli - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:54:13 AM

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Thank you,
Jannan DeCarli
3490 N Creal St
Terre Haute, IN 47805

From: [Jay Showalter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jay Showalter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:26 AM

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Jay Showalter
120 S Park Ridge Rd
Bloomington, IN 47408

From: [Jessica Jarosinski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jessica Jarosinski - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:24:59 PM

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Jessica Jarosinski
5642 Hardegan St
Indianapolis, IN 46227

From: [Jo Hewitt](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Jo Hewitt - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4:49:29 PM

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1212 N Oakland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46201

From: [John Hallett](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Hallett - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:47:42 AM

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John Hallett
2628 Big Bear Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46217

From: [John Pittman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Pittman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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1761 Golden Field Dr
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [John Tzucker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: John Tzucker - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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1019 Larkspur Cir
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Joseph Nichter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joseph Nichter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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From: [Joseph Vaught](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joseph Vaught - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Joseph Vaught
228 N Main St
Franklin, IN 46131

From: [Joshua Silbert](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Joshua Silbert - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Joshua Silbert
946 N Highland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46202

From: [Judith Foote](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Foote - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:59:22 AM

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Thank you,
Judith Foote
10210 Seabreeze Way
Indianapolis, IN 46256

From: [Judith Silence](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judith Silence - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:04:00 AM

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Regards,
Judith Silence
3255 E 79th St
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Judy VonEssen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Judy VonEssen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Judy VonEssen
3227 Phoenix Cir
Indianapolis, IN 46241

From: [Julie Foltz](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Julie Foltz - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:25:08 PM

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Respectfully,
Julie Foltz
1423 E 8th St
Anderson, IN 46012

From: [Kareema Boykin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kareema Boykin - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:58:16 AM

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Respectfully,
Kareema Boykin
2850 Eugene St
Indianapolis, IN 46222

From: [Karen Donanico](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Donanico -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:26:53 PM

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Thank you,
Karen Donanico
9064 Crystal River Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Karen Williams](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Karen Williams - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:06:10 PM

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Karen Williams
9311 N Temple Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Katelyn Fogleman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katelyn Fogleman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Katelyn Fogleman
17967 Murray Pl
Noblesville, IN 46060

From: [Kathleen Heath](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Heath -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:30:49 PM

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Regards,
Kathleen Heath
658 W Ralston Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46217

From: [Kathleen Lyons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Lyons -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Kathleen Lyons
8898 Pine Tree Blvd
Indianapolis, IN 46256

From: [Kathleen Murtaugh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kathleen Murtaugh - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:39:13 PM

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Thank you,
Kathleen Murtaugh
1000 N Southland Dr
Lafayette, IN 47909

From: [Katryn Taylor](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Katryn Taylor - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:54:55 PM

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Respectfully,
Katryn Taylor
7123 Derstan Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46250

From: [keath rhymer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keath rhymer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:21:15 AM

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Respectfully,
keath rhymer
6615 Wedgeport Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Keeter Sechrist](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keeter Sechrist -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:24:07 AM

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Keeter Sechrist
6335 N Ewing St
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Keith Emery](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Keith Emery - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:08:07 PM

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Keith Emery
1101 N Leland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Kelley Westerhouse-Stutzman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kelley Westerhouse-Stutzman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Kelley Westerhouse-Stutzman
100 E Canter Dr
Terre Haute, IN 47802

From: [Kevin Atkins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kevin Atkins - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Kevin Atkins
800 S Lincoln St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Kim Beeler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kim Beeler -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Kim Beeler
11548 US-150
West Terre Haute, IN 47885

From: [Kylie Krawulski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Kylie Krawulski - Electric Utilities Concerns
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:13:54 AM

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Kylie Krawulski
1430 Broad Ripple Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Larry Moss](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Moss - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Larry Moss
1228 E Maxwell Ln
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Larry Varvel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Larry Varvel - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Larry Varvel
1350 N Audubon Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Lawrence Coffman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lawrence Coffman - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:43 AM

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Thank you,
Lawrence Coffman
7743 Rucker Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46250

From: [Leah Leifer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leah Leifer - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:34:22 PM

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Respectfully,
Leah Leifer
8350 N Pennsylvania St
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Lee Robbins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lee Robbins - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Lee Robbins
4505 W Sandpiper Dr
Muncie, IN 47304

From: [leigh andrzejewski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: leigh andrzejewski - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
leigh andrzejewski
12688 Mojave Dr
Fishers, IN 46037

From: [Leroy Tubbs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leroy Tubbs - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
Leroy Tubbs
118 Daniels St
Tipton, IN 46072

From: [Leticia Fiddler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Leticia Fiddler - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
Leticia Fiddler
5740 Yuma Rd
West Terre Haute, IN 47885

From: [Libby Gwynn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Libby Gwynn - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:51:26 AM

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Regards,
Libby Gwynn
1314 S Lincoln St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Lincoln Blake](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lincoln Blake - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Thank you,
Lincoln Blake
2030 Chester Blvd
Richmond, IN 47374

From: [Linda fillenwarth](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda fillenwarth - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:12:50 PM

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Thank you,
Linda fillenwarth
1134 N Euclid Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46201

From: [Linda Montag-Olson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Linda Montag-Olson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:30:52 AM

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928 Forest Blvd N Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Lori Milburn](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Lori Milburn - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:26:19 PM

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Lori Milburn
3940 N Sherman Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46226

From: [Louise Hickman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Louise Hickman - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
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Regards,
Louise Hickman
630 Golf Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46260

From: [Maggie O'Hara](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Maggie O'Hara -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:49:06 PM

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Thank you,
Maggie O'Hara
342 Harvard Pl
Indianapolis, IN 46208

From: [Marcia Hopkins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcia Hopkins - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4:22:37 PM

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Marcia Hopkins
8535 Quail Hollow Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46260

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To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marcie Francis - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:34:24 PM

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Marcie Francis
3331 W Festive Dr
Bloomington, IN 47403

From: [Margie Schrader](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Margie Schrader - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Margie Schrader
1009 S Lincoln St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Marian Shaaban](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marian Shaaban - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:07:52 PM

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1588 S Andrew Cir
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Marissa Goetschel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Marissa Goetschel -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Marissa Goetschel
1480 W Indian Meadows Dr
Terre Haute, IN 47802

From: [Mark Hitzges](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:21:58 PM

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Mark Hitzges
425 Sunset Dr
Noblesville, IN 46060

From: [Martin Putelis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Martin Putelis - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Martin Putelis
144 1st Ct
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Mary Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Arnold -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 1:00:32 AM

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Respectfully,
Mary Arnold
7407 Franklin Parke Blvd
Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Mary Arnold](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Arnold -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:52:28 PM

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Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Mary Ensley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Ensley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:12:52 AM

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Thank you,
Mary Ensley
6646 Bloomfield Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Mary Gajewski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Gajewski - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:33:59 AM

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Respectfully,
Mary Gajewski
997 S Baldwin Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Mary Gajewski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Gajewski - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:02:22 AM

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997 S Baldwin Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Mary Lewis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mary Lewis - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:52:21 AM

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Regards,
Mary Lewis
6136 Bordeaux Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Matt Lawrence](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Matt Lawrence - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:14:13 PM

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Thank you,
Matt Lawrence
11016 Limbach Cir
Indianapolis, IN 46236

From: [Megan Graham](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Megan Graham - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:32:38 AM

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Thank you,
Megan Graham
1712 Calvert Farms Dr
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [megan hampton](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: megan hampton -Represent Hoosiers, not monopoly utilities companies
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:20:23 PM

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Regards,
megan hampton
1155 Berry Rd
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [Michael England](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael England - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:18:47 AM

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Respectfully,
Michael England
2248 S Carlota Dr
New Palestine, IN 46163

From: [Michael Sauer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Sauer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:39 AM

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Michael Sauer
1018 S Ballantine Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Michael Schenkenfelder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Schenkenfelder -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:02:28 PM

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Thank you,
Michael Schenkenfelder
5455 Hibben Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Michael Schenkenfelder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michael Schenkenfelder -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:03:39 PM

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Michael Schenkenfelder
5455 Hibben Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [Michelle Higgs](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Michelle Higgs - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 6:50:54 PM

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Regards,
Michelle Higgs
5598 Nehrt Rd
Bloomington, IN 47408

From: [Mike Hittesdorf](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Hittesdorf - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:45:07 AM

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Thank you,
Mike Hittesdorf
13841 Waywing Ct
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Mike Szczepanski](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mike Szczepanski - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:56:49 AM

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Mike Szczepanski
3606 Woodcliff Dr
Lafayette, IN 47905

From: [Mitzi Witchger](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Mitzi Witchger - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:00:42 AM

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Regards,
Mitzi Witchger
7941 Clearwater Pkwy
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Neil Creasy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Neil Creasy - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:17:39 AM

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Respectfully,
Neil Creasy
1809 Maple St
Columbus, IN 47201

From: [Nicole Wimer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Nicole Wimer - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:34 AM

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Thank you,
Nicole Wimer
1111 Laurel St
Indianapolis, IN 46203

From: [Noemi Ybarra](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Noemi Ybarra - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:14:44 PM

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Noemi Ybarra
1006 Hartford St
Lafayette, IN 47904

From: [Norman Terando](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Norman Terando - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:18:09 AM

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Regards,
Norman Terando
9431 Pinecreek Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46256

From: [Patricia Hemmerle](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Hemmerle - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:19:05 PM

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Thank you,
Patricia Hemmerle
6164 N Park Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Patricia Jane](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Jane - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:53:09 AM

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Patricia Jane
602 Revere Dr
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Patricia Michaels](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patricia Michaels - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:36:23 AM

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Respectfully,
Patricia Michaels
14065 Clover Leaf Ln
Fishers, IN 46038

From: [Patrick Hogan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patrick Hogan - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:19:25 AM

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Thank you,
Patrick Hogan
5060 Somerset Ln
Zionsville, IN 46077

From: [Patrick Siney](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patrick Siney - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:40:31 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Patrick Siney
1303 S Stull Ave
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Patti Beaty](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patti Beaty - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:14:10 AM

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Respectfully,
Patti Beaty
7251 Lakeside Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46278

From: [Patti Collins](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Patti Collins -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:13:50 PM

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Respectfully,
Patti Collins
8626 Blue Marlin Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46239

From: [Paulina Ball](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paulina Ball - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:08:13 PM

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Regards,
Paulina Ball
4014 State Hwy 446
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Paulina Ball](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Paulina Ball - Hoosiers deserve affordable bills and accountable utility regulators
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:06:37 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

I am very concerned that Hoosiers are struggling to afford ever-increasing utility bills. Indiana now pays the 12th highest residential electric bills in the country!

Residential utility customers have an extremely limited role in controlling the cost of our utility service. With unaccountable utility regulators, an appointed Consumer Counselor, and legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly that tips the regulatory process in favor of the utilities, it's no wonder that utility bills across Indiana have continually increased while our ability to pay those bills continues to diminish. Thousands of Hoosiers have had electric and gas service disconnected every month since September 2022, according to data reported to the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Struggling to afford utility service puts Hoosiers in difficult and dangerous positions. We need policies that protect consumers and public health, like strong weatherization programs, affordable repayment plans to catch up on utility debt, and a summer disconnection moratorium to limit the number of Hoosiers enduring high temperatures without electricity. Please do everything you can to pursue affordable monthly utility bills for all Hoosier households!

Regards,
Paulina Ball
4014 State Hwy 446
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Peter Sternberg](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Peter Sternberg - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:38:25 AM

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Peter Sternberg
706 S High St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Rachel Guedea](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rachel Guedea - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
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Rachel Guedea
1603 S 12th St
Goshen, IN 46526

From: [Ralph WARD](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ralph WARD - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:18:24 AM

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Respectfully,
Ralph WARD
1705 N Maddox Dr
Muncie, IN 47304

From: [Rebecca Rhodes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebecca Rhodes - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:45:01 PM

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Thank you,
Rebecca Rhodes
201 W Green St
Greencastle, IN 46135

From: [Rebekah Kennedy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Rebekah Kennedy - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:52:40 AM

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Regards,
Rebekah Kennedy
6308 Knyghton Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [Richard Bencze](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Bencze -CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:27:14 AM

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Respectfully,
Richard Bencze
7709 Stoney Side Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46259

From: [Richard Gawthrop](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Gawthrop - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 10:54:27 AM

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Thank you,
Richard Gawthrop
348 E King St
Franklin, IN 46131

From: [Richard Huck](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Richard Huck - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:22:37 AM

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Thank you,
Richard Huck
3027 Santiago Dr
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [Robert Kingsley](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Kingsley - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:13:05 PM

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Robert Kingsley
2907 S Kings Ct
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Robert Snyder](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert Snyder - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:45:23 AM

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Regards,
Robert Snyder
10832 E County Rd 650 N
Indianapolis, IN 46234

From: [robert wade](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: robert wade - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:53:30 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

stop letting these monopolies rip off consumers. I've had it. inflation has stolen 17% of our money the last 3 years and utilities keep going up up up. just say NO. they will still make plenty of profit and they are nothing but a monopoly.

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Thank you,
robert wade
7647 Ballyshannon St
Indianapolis, IN 46217

From: [Robert White](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Robert White - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 3:11:09 PM

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Robert White
4635 Graceland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46208

From: [Roberta Nahas](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Roberta Nahas - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:18:16 PM

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Respectfully,
Roberta Nahas
1812 S Oxford Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Ronald Drahos](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ronald Drahos - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:51:16 PM

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Thank you,
Ronald Drahos
3805 S Woods Edge Bend
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [ronald kaberline](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: ronald kaberline - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:11:08 AM

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Respectfully,
ronald kaberline
4806 E 10th St
Indianapolis, IN 46201

From: [Russell Lyons](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Russell Lyons - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:22:30 PM

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Regards,
Russell Lyons
912 E University St
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Sally Small](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sally Small - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:30:25 PM

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Thank you,
Sally Small
802 N Layman Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219

From: [sam lasiter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sam Lasiter - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:35:46 AM

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Thank you,
sam lasiter
2905 Teeters Rd
Martinsville, IN 46151

From: [Sandra Dove](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sandra Dove - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 8:56:19 PM

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Regards,
Sandra Dove
2910 S Olcott Blvd
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Sara Koehler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sara Koehler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:26:51 PM

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Thank you,
Sara Koehler
6168 Ruthven Dr
Noblesville, IN 46062

From: [Scott Rice](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Scott Rice - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:21:46 PM

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Respectfully,
Scott Rice
2246 Churchman Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

From: [Shannon Walsh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Shannon Walsh - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:25:00 PM

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Thank you,
Shannon Walsh
649 Hohlier Ln
Avon, IN 46123

From: [Sharon Rusk](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sharon Rusk - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:22:57 PM

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Thank you,
Sharon Rusk
13646 Eglin Dr
Carmel, IN 46032

From: [Sheila Kavanaugh](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Sheila Kavanaugh - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:24:22 PM

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Regards,
Sheila Kavanaugh
3343 Oceanline Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46214

From: [Stacy Hennessy](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Stacy Hennessy - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:37:36 AM

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Regards,
Stacy Hennessy
1121 Alimingo Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46260

From: [Steve Gamblin](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Gamblin - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:55:54 AM

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Steve Gamblin
2112 S Montclair Ave
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Steve Sullivan](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steve Sullivan's - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:17:20 PM

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Respectfully,
Steve Sullivan's
2628 Covington Pointe Trail
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

From: [Steven Keyes](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Keyes - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:33:31 AM

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Regards,
Steven Keyes
10930 N Borman Pl
West Terre Haute, IN 47885

From: [Steven Ross](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Ross - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:05:09 AM

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Regards,
Steven Ross
835 E 79th St
Indianapolis, IN 46240

From: [Steven Zucker](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Steven Zucker - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:33:44 AM

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Steven Zucker
2602 N New Jersey St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Susan Ellis](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Ellis - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:25:02 PM

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Regards,
Susan Ellis
589 N Meridian St
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [Susan Peterson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Peterson - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:31:32 PM

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Regards,
Susan Peterson
5621 N Pennsylvania St
Indianapolis, IN 46220

From: [susan Sabol](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: susan Sabol -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 2:54:44 PM

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Regards,
susan Sabol
9047 Black Hawk Ln
Indianapolis, IN 46234

From: [Susan Salter](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Susan Salter - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:01:47 AM

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Respectfully,
Susan Salter
12856 Limberlost Dr
Carmel, IN 46033

From: [Suzanne Warthen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Suzanne Warthen - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:51:34 AM

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We can't take any more rate increases! Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike our bills and our monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
Suzanne Warthen
125 Byram Blvd
Martinsville, IN 46151

From: [Ted Kunkel](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Ted Kunkel - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:45:31 PM

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Respectfully,
Ted Kunkel
5010 Lizzy Ln
Bloomington, IN 47403

From: [Terry Butler](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Terry Butler - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:33:19 PM

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I'm especially frustrated that CenterPoint wants to allocate costs in a way that will force residential customers to pick up a higher share of their costs, while letting big industrial customers pay much less than they should. We've paid the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008 - we definitely can't afford to subsidize big industrial corporations!

It's also concerning that CenterPoint has the highest return on equity out of all the big electric utilities here in Indiana, all while asking for a massive increase in our monthly fixed charge. Folks work hard to save energy to save money, but high fixed charges make it harder for us to have any control over our bills. In addition, these high monthly fees are inequitable because they consume a larger percentage of low-income customers' income. We need to be helping those struggling to get by, not penalizing them.

CenterPoint customers need bills that we can afford without breaking the bank. Please reject CenterPoint's request to raise our rates and our fixed monthly charge in Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,
Terry Butler
1526 Tallgrass Trl
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

From: [Thomas Andress](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas Andress - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:18:44 AM

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Thank you,
Thomas Andress
5653 Redbird Dr
Columbus, IN 47201

From: [thomas Fuller](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: thomas Fuller - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:42:42 PM

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Respectfully,
thomas Fuller
2300 Franklin St
Terre Haute, IN 47803

From: [Thomas Marshalek](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas Marshalek - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:37:38 PM

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We have already been saddled with the highest electric bills in Indiana since 2008. Now CenterPoint wants us to pay off aging coal plants - some of which aren't even generating electricity anymore - while we're also paying for new generation. It's not my fault CenterPoint and their predecessors made poor investment decisions, but that doesn't stop CenterPoint from wanting to force me to pick up the tab (plus a profit!!).

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Regards,
Thomas Marshalek
1001 W Briarcliff Dr
Bloomington, IN 47404

From: [Thomas Schwen](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Thomas Schwen - CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:31:23 AM

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Thank you,
Thomas Schwen
821 S Hawthorne Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Trevor Jones](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Trevor Jones - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:26:42 AM

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Regards,
Trevor Jones
1245 E Miller Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [Valerie Terman](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Valerie Terman - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:39:00 PM

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Respectfully,
Valerie Terman
4942 Allisonville Rd Unit D
Indianapolis, IN 46205

From: [Victoria Hilkevitch](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Victoria Hilkevitch - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+ /month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:42:35 AM

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Respectfully,
Victoria Hilkevitch
1701 Circle Dr
Bloomington, IN 47401

From: [wayne heisig](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wayne Heisig - Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:35:46 PM

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Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45990. REJECT CenterPoint's egregious request to hike utility bills and also the monthly fixed charge.

Regards,
wayne heisig
6139 Buck Trail Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46237

From: [Wendy Edwards](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Wendy Edwards -Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:39:58 PM

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Regards,
Wendy Edwards
5544 W Smokey Row Rd
Greenwood, IN 46143

From: [Weston Bonczek](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: Weston Bonczek - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:27:31 AM

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Respectfully,
Weston Bonczek
509 Carlyle Pl
Indianapolis, IN 46201

From: [William Ihrer](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Ihrer -CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:58:39 PM

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William Ihrer
3930 Redfern Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46237

From: [William Ryerson](#)
To: [UCC Consumer Info](#)
Subject: William Ryerson - CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/-month is outrageous
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Respectfully,
William Ryerson
5540 Oles Dr N
Indianapolis, IN 46228

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel for the OUCC certifies that on March 12, 2024 a copy of this *Testimony of Public Exhibit No. 14, Consumer Comments* was electronically served, via e-mail, upon all parties of record in this proceeding.

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