

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Public Field Hearing

Vectren Electric Infrastructure Case

Cause Number 44910 — May 2, 2017

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Greg Wathen

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NAME Scott Hughes Myerly

ADDRESS 3211 Bellemead Ave

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SIGNATURE: Scott H. Myerly DATE: 05/02/2017

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NAME Sr. Jane Michele McClure

ADDRESS 8001 Larch Lane, Evansville, IN 47710

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I work at Habitat for Humanity of Evansville; I would not say I am necessarily "representing" them.

SIGNATURE: Sr. Jane Michele McClure, Sr. DATE: May 2, 2017

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NAME EARL SCHROEDER

ADDRESS 5436 SAINT PHILIP RD S

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SIGNATURE: *Earl Schroeder* DATE: May 2, 2017

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NAME Marcia Ballard

ADDRESS 5733 Fiesta Dr

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SIGNATURE: Marcia Ballard DATE: 5-2-17

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NAME Amy Cantabury

ADDRESS 805 Lemay Drive, Evansville, IN 47712

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United Way of Southwestern Indiana

SIGNATURE: Amy J. Cantabury DATE: 5/2/17

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*(Please print)*NAME John BlairADDRESS 800 Adams Ave.Are you a customer of this utility? *(circle one)* YES NODo you wish to speak or provide written comments? *(circle one)* SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

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NAME Jean Webb

ADDRESS 201 Montclair Ct

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SIGNATURE: Jean Webb DATE: 5-2-17

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## IURC Hearing Cause No. 44910

Members of the IURC, thank you so much for holding a hearing on this cause.

We, the residents of Evansville, so desperately need you to hear our voice.

Like the frog in the slowly heating water, some of us have been slow to realize we are being cooked. Over the years, the cumulative effect of many legislative actions have been missed, some didn't notice the disastrous effects these actions had on the residential customers, some didn't notice the oppression by Vectren, while Vectren was smiling, shaking hands, and supporting our charities. While Vectren was paying out \$4.2 million to their CEO, and over \$1 million each to their three EVPs in 2016; while Vectren was contributing to the IEP's \$1 million spent this year lobbying our legislators; and while Vectren was donating \$25,000 to Trump's inauguration festivities; the residents were burdened with their costs, some of which we wouldn't be facing if Vectren had made better choices with our money.

Vectren is asking that we provide \$514 million plus a rate of return on that, to fund approximately 800 projects over the next seven years. But here is our history in Evansville and why we can't afford to bear these costs.

- We can't take on new debt, because we still have old debt hanging over us. Vectren spent \$90 million on updating old coal plants, and we are stuck paying that debt – at some unknown time in the future. According to Chase Kelley of Vectren, that amount is still owed, and it is being deferred until 2020, or perhaps later. Are we incurring additional interest or rate of return on equity during this deferment period? Is that debt still growing?

Our history in Evansville is that up until 2014 Vectren owned the coalmines that supplied the plants. Thus, they failed to diversify our power sources adequately. Currently about 97% of electricity generated is from coal plants. Their lack of fiduciary concern for the residents has left us with a legacy that will cripple our area for decades to come.

- We can't take on new debt because coal ash pond update expenses (excluding Warrick 4) were listed in the IRP at \$190 million, or \$230 million if we have to help Alcoa update Warrick 4 coal ash ponds too. These are costs that will automatically end up on our bills because they are costs required to meet regulations.
- We can't take on new debt because once AB Brown plants are closed in 2024, AB Brown Coal Ash Pond Closure and Post-Closure costs will be incurred and automatically applied to our bills. These costs aren't even quantified in the IRP so another unknown, big, looming debt is staring at us.



- We can't take on new debt because we will also be paying on a new massive gas plant proposed to open in 2024. Why should we have a modern grid if Vectren continues to rely primarily on fossil fuel, a 20<sup>th</sup> century technology at best, far into our future.

Vectren's request to collect costs as fixed fees is another abuse of Evansville residents, obstructing them from achieving a better quality of life.

- In a national ranking of electric bills with rates in effect 1/1/2016, utilities across the US were ranked with 1 being the lowest, and 100, the highest. Evansville residential bills were ranked an 83, and represents 26% of Vectren sales. Evansville Commercial bills were ranked from 60 to 64, representing 24% of Vectren sales. Industrial users ranked from 27-29, representing 50% of Vectren sales. Clearly, the residential customers are getting a poor deal.

Chase Kelley of Vectren stated that the competitive price of electricity for commercial and industrial users is good for bring jobs into Evansville. However, as a long-time resident of Evansville, I'd say that would only be true if the jobs paid more than a minimal living wage, which is not that case for many of those commercial and industrial users.

Although grateful for jobs, I doubt many in Evansville would consider jobs at Berry, Ameriquel, or TJMaxx as well paying. Even the companies that pay well, such as Toyota, Mead Johnson, and AstraZeneca, avoid hiring employees by using a contingent workforce at lower wages and less desirable benefits. And certainly, the majority of our fast food and hotels pay low wages. It is insult to injury to expect that their low wage labor force should bear a larger share of the electric expenses than is shouldered by residential customers living in other parts of the US.

The study found that overall, all rate classes considered, Vectren bills rank about 56 nationally. That means all rates classes should move closer to that rank to resemble the allocations seen nationwide. As such, a typical bill for a 500 kwh customer should be lowered from \$83.40 to \$68.30 (about \$15, or 18% decrease) to give our residents in Evansville a comparable chance at a better quality of life.

This part is not Vectren's fault, but adding to the stresses on the Evansville hourly workers are tax abatements given to commercial and industrial companies that leave the workers with payer higher local taxes. Our residents are also struggling with soaring water and sewage bills. The financial strains are contributing to rising suicide and drug overdose rates in our community. Relief is needed.

Clearly, trying to recover the expenses for Cause No. 44910 with a fixed fee will move the cost burden in the wrong direction. It will harm the lowest users the most.



Smart meters are a gadget that we don't need right now. I'm sure no one will complain that they have to continue to call in power outages.

Being able to look at power usage on an app might be a nice feature for some, so let those few have smart meters on a voluntary basis for an additional charge. Quite frankly, our area needs the jobs meter reading provides, even if Vectren outsources the workforce. Jobs for technicians that turn power on and off, or investigate limbs on power lines are also welcome. We can do without SCADA. We just can't handle any more bill increases.

As for reliability, the largest cause of power outages is still trees on power lines. My power was out last year for around 48 hours after a storm. I lost the contents of my freezer. Knowing the issue was downed lines from tree limbs after a storm, I took a look around at the electric lines in my neighborhood and along Burkhardt east of Target, then Outer Lincoln heading west – the trees had overgrown all the lines. Vectren can increase reliability simply by doing a better job of trimming trees away from the power lines. Until we get through some of these coal legacy expenses, we can't take on anymore.

We are here in this financial mess because of poor power source planning and Vectren needs to take some responsibility for their mistakes. They need to lessen their profits and take some of these hits too. They need to pay for the aging substations, transformers, and distribution poles without an increase on our bills.

One way to help ratepayers out of this dark pit of coal legacy expenses is to secure wind PPA s(Power Purchase Agreements). Wind is currently the most economical power generation, and by using a PPA it would not require large capital outlays by ratepayers.

Vectren modeled wind generation as a new build in their IRP, but they did not model any wind PPAs. We need Vectren to start making better choices on how to spend our money.

For Vectren to claim that they want to "modernize" anything is a farce until they significantly modernize their power sources. Vectren can use the word "modernization" with credibility only after our power generation is at 30% renewables.

Sincerely,

Jean Webb  
201 Montclair Ct  
Evansville, IN 47715





## References

Executive compensation

<http://www1.salary.com/VECTREN-CORP-Executive-Salaries.html>

National Rate Survey

<https://www.les.com/pdf/rates/rate-survey.pdf>



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ADDRESS 4211 Meadowbrook Lane

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NAME TRACY GORMAN

ADDRESS 500 E. WALNUT ST. EVANSVILLE, IN 47713

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Evansville Rescue Mission

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NAME Wendy Bredhold

ADDRESS 3307 E. Chandler Ave

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SIGNATURE: Wendy Bredhold DATE: 5-2-17

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Wendy Bredhold  
3307 E. Chandler Ave.  
Evansville, IN 47714

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I'm an Evansville resident and Vectren customer and I don't oppose needed improvements to our electric grid. I certainly don't oppose Vectren replacing PCB Transformers like the one that leaked a dangerous chemical on at least 6 students at South Terrace Elementary school last year. I would never ask Vectren to forgo needed infrastructure upgrades, especially in a situation that endangers children and the public.

I do oppose the way in which Vectren intends to recoup the \$514 million cost of this plan with a flat, across-the-board fee that is unfair to those who use less energy and those who have worked to reduce their bills - the highest in the state, as we all know - through conservation efforts or solar energy. All of these people would be unfairly punished by a fixed charge. Vectren can make the *necessary* improvements in this plan *when needed* and without asking for a flat fee added to our bills.

The poverty rate in Evansville has grown almost as quickly as our electric bills in the last 10 years, by more than 60%. According to the United Way's ALICE study, 52% of Evansville residents struggle to pay their bills.

17% of households in Vanderburgh County live in poverty. 29% of households in Vanderburgh County with a child under 5 live in poverty. 25% of households in Vanderburgh County with a child under 18 live in poverty. 38% of African American households in Vanderburgh County live in poverty. These are our neighbors paying the highest electric bills in the state who cannot afford to pay more. These are our friends being asked to pay more.

Across the river in Kentucky, Louisville Gas & Electric recently agreed to reduce by half the fixed fee it was proposing because consumer groups, the city of Louisville and the attorney general said it would hammer low-income residents and discourage energy conservation by making it harder for customers to recover the costs of everything from insulation to solar panels.

LG&E also withdrew its plan to install mandatory smart meters, a \$39 million component of Vectren's plan. In addition, LG&E is increasing its commitment to low-income customers through June of 2021, and funding a study on electric bus infrastructure in the Louisville and Lexington areas.

I attended a United Neighborhoods of Evansville meeting last week at which Vectren executives presented this plan. The president of a local neighborhood association asked what Vectren is planning to do for low-income customers to deal with this fixed charge. He didn't get an answer. Vectren can afford to do more for Evansville.



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NAME Ryan Zaricki

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NAME

Erika Taylor

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4000 Candlewood Place, Newburgh IN 47630

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*(Please print)*

NAME JOSEPH NICKOLICH

ADDRESS 1000 S. Cullen AVE

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

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SELF

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 5/2/17

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NAME Courtney Woodruff

ADDRESS 639 Reis Ave.

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SIGNATURE: Courtney Woodruff DATE: 5-2-17

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I am a single mother doing it all on my own. Sober Tyres, No child support, no debt, work 45-55hrs a week and I'm barely making it. My Vectren Bill and Grocery's are higher than my mortgage. How can I provide

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or provide future for my child if I'm paying out my check to Vectren?!



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NAME Larry Rascoe

ADDRESS 5611 Sherwood Ct

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

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SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 5-2-17

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I serve as Pastor to a family who is caring for  
an elderly family member who is on oxygen.

In fear of a power outage as they had experienced  
in the past they spent over \$3,000 installing a backup  
generator that they have never used. Anything that is  
proactive towards minimizing down time is important to  
families like this.

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① *Wah*

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NAME Bartell Berg  
ADDRESS 6214 Overpass Rd. Mt. Vernon 47620

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SIGNATURE: *Bartell Berg* DATE: 5-2-2017

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NAME MARK BRYANT

ADDRESS 7299 Main St WAVESVILLE, IN 47638

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Valley Watch

SIGNATURE: Mark Bryant DATE: May 2, 2017

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IURC Cause number 44910  
Vectren South TDSIC Application Field Hearing  
Auditorium of The Academy of Innovative Studies-Diamond Campus  
2319 Stringtown Road, Evansville, Indiana  
May 2, 2017

RE: Comments on the Vectren South Cause Number 44910 by Mark Bryant, Valley Watch Member and Vectren South Customer

OUC members,

According to Vectren South's recent legal filings with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission there is much work to be done to the Southern Indiana transmission and distribution (T&D) infrastructure. Vectren South has told the IURC and the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor that these infrastructure improvements will enable them to offer better and more reliable service to the area they serve. They also told you that in order to modernize and maintain the reliability of their T&D infrastructure locally they must spend about one-half billion dollars modernizing and upgrading that infrastructure.

First, we must answer the question of just what kind of business Vectren South (Vectren) is? The answer is that Vectren, like many utilities, is a monopoly business that the State of Indiana has licensed to be the one and only utility business that may provide natural gas, electric and power distribution services within its local service area. The monopoly license granted to Vectren does not have many operating constraints within its definition. For the most part, Vectren is left alone by state and federal regulatory agencies to practice its business of energy production and delivery as it sees fit, unless Vectren's operation severely and negatively impacts the local community within its jurisdiction.

For instance, the monopoly granted to Vectren by the State of Indiana does **not** conclude that power must be generated nearly free of toxic byproducts that negatively impact the health of the community. The Vectren monopoly license could contain provisions that establish that the cost of their power products must be affordable to the vast majority of those serviced by the utility. The monopoly license granted to Vectren could also establish a special low utility rate for those whose incomes are economically impaired or have other reasonable operating conditions imposed upon it, but they are not.

Many will testify today on the benefits of the proposed projects and most of those who support these infrastructure projects will have something to gain from the adoption of the TDSIC application as it was initially filed. Proponents may state these projects will allow Vectren to better "compete" in the future and allow Vectren to provide new services to the population it serves. Proponents with this view ignore that Vectren's monopoly business model excludes competition and that the captured ratepayer will be forced to pay whatever charges are deemed appropriate by Vectren if this TDSIC application is approved.



Others will testify that these infrastructure upgrades will benefit the local economy and one can rest assured that Vectren investors, CEOs, managers and utility industry associations are more than happy to see this round of TDSIC projects completed. What proponents of this TDSIC application ignore is the TANSTaaFL (there ain't no such thing as a free lunch) kerfuffle. If the TDSIC proposal is adopted as it is filed, there will be enormous economic lost opportunity costs for the community as a whole because they will be forced pay to the annual \$71 million dollar per year bill for Vectren's TDSIC Grand Design.

The economic health of our community will be at even greater risk if this application is adopted. The local economic health of our economy is truly depressing when one considers this single statistic; over 56% of Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation students are eligible for free or reduced lunches<sup>1</sup>. One cannot take \$71 million a year from the incomes of the local community without enabling a great deal of economic hardship.

The case may also be made that Vectren and their industry association representatives are many years away from embracing mechanisms for a fair Distributed Generation reimbursement rate by the DG customer and thus do not require substantial T&D upgrades. Why go to expense to install T&D upgrade technology today when policy promoted and implemented by Vectren and their member industry associations dissuade customers from returning excess power generation back to Vectren's T&D infrastructure?

One may easily appreciate T&D updates that remove PCB laden transformers and increase the reliability of the T&D system. But the policy of erecting barriers to the DG community as a whole negates the need for "modernizing" or upgrading T&D infrastructure. The existing T&D infrastructure is working well in this regard and does not require upgrading.

Due to the extraordinarily fragile state of the local economy and Vectren's ongoing efforts to malign the clean renewable energy DG community, I urge the IURC to disallow this TDSIC application request and have Vectren revise its proposal to include only those projects that are essential and necessary for the safety and reliability of its local T&D infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of these remarks.

Mark Bryant



Valley Watch Member and Vectren South Customer

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<sup>1</sup> <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/5187-public-school-students-receiving-free-or-reduced-price-lunches#detailed/10/2494/false/871,870,573,869,36/1279,1280,1281/13762,11655>



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*(Please print)*NAME Tamara HuntADDRESS 3211 Bellemeade Ave, Evansville, IN 47714Are you a customer of this utility? (circle one) YES NODo you wish to speak or provide written comments? (circle one) SPEAK WRITTEN BOTH

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SIGNATURE: Tamara Hunt DATE: 5/2/17

I OFFER THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

*(You may make both written and oral comments.)*Vectren monthly bills have increased more than 60% over the past decade,which is <sup>20%</sup> more than other utilities in the state. Since this is a for-profit monopoly,Vectren should pay for improvements out of its corporate profits, not push it onto thebacks of ratepayers - especially since the lowest consumers of electricity will pay the biggest increases.*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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NAME TOM BALLARD

ADDRESS 5733 FIESTA DRIVE, NEWBURGH, IN 47630

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SIGNATURE: Tom Ballard DATE: 5/2/17

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1/4 of the households in Evansville are ~~not~~ housing  
insecure. That means they can barely pay for their  
housing now. High utility bills are a big part of that.  
Adding \$12 a more a month is a huge burden for them.

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NAME David Coker

ADDRESS 1601 Western Hills Dr

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

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Poor people

SIGNATURE: David Coker DATE: April 2, 2017

I OFFER THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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This state has largely given utilities a license to steal. I have been interviewed several for IURC commissioner position for two different administrations. You must have either a personal or institutional

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conflict of interest to since on this board.  
The public's interest is rarely served by  
the organization -

One time I wrote a column about cyber  
security as it pertains to our electoral grid. The  
agency was only willing to issue a boilerplate  
non-committal statement in response to my inquiry.

I came away from that experience feeling as  
if we are very vulnerable to cyber attack  
and nobody seems to have any real answers.  
I don't get it!

I suppose this is needed. They say it is  
but Netron's shareholders should carry  
part of the load. I am sick of hypocrisies and  
it has become a way of life in this country.

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NAME Mallory Rodenberg

ADDRESS 727 S Englewood Ave

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SIGNATURE: M. Rodenberg DATE: 5.2.2017

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When will it be shareholders turn to  
shoulder some of the costs of a monopolized  
utility? We already pay the highest rates  
in the state with a dated system. →

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With the passing of #SB309 into law, ratepayers in Southern Indiana are the losers. What is the breaking point? When will Indiana look out for Hoosier families instead of constantly doing the bidding of monopolies?

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NAME Miles Rosengquist  
ADDRESS 732 S. Willow Rd Evansville 47714

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SIGNATURE: Miles Rosengquist DATE: May 2, 2017

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fixed @, flat fee - unfair to low income households, and to those who make effort to conserve energy  
② smart meters - primarily a convenience to Vectren, Vectren should pay for them, or should be optional, paid

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for big customers who see value in them.

③ Vectren needs to provide its customers with comprehensive information on all future rate increases - plant investments, environmental compliance, others - to put the proposed rate increase in context of all other rate increases.

④ Vectren already has legal responsibility ~~to~~ as a regulated utility to provide reliable electricity to customers - if ~~they~~ Vectren has a problem with meeting this responsibility, Vectren's <sup>investors</sup> should pay, not added burden on rate payers.

⑤ Reliability risk for electronic outages is ~~overwhelming~~ overwhelmingly storm damage - this \$514 million cost to rate payers is totally irrelevant to that real risk.