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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF INDIANA

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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 )

OFFICIAL  
EXHIBITS

CAUSE NO. 45990

IURC  
PUBLIC'S  
EXHIBIT NO. 14-5  
9-10-24 DATE REPORTER LR

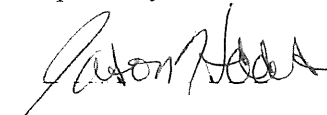
INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 14-S

SUPPLEMENTAL CONSUMER COMMENTS

July 19, 2024

Respectfully submitted,



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

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Marsha G Wortz  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 4:04:51 PM

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Newburgh  
IN  
47630  
Utilities: CenterPoint Energy  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Cause No. 45990

As a customer commenting on my own behalf, I believe the proposed rate hike by Centerpoint, as well as their settlement filing, are predatory to customers. We already have the highest utility rate in the state, and have numerous hikes recently. Centerpoint also has the highest authorized return on equity, higher than all the utility corp. throughout Indiana. Because they are the only provider in the area, the customer suffers. Consumers are already being dealt unfair hikes in the cost of goods and service across the board, due to sheer greed of the provider. Another hike in rates will further hurt consumers, which in turn will hurt the local economy. Less discretionary income, higher need for government assistance to pay bills, and possibly people leaving the area for more affordable living elsewhere.

**From:** [Clinton Hancock](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint Energy  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:58:46 AM

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I write to you today in rebuttal to the filing made by CenterPoint representative Richard Leger. Mr. Leger's comments stating that the scenarios heard at the public meeting regarding CenterPoint's requested rate increase being unaffordable were outliers and "extreme scenarios". We are here to tell you they are not. My family is as typical as one can be. My wife and I both have college degrees, have two boys, (neither of whom are special needs). We are both employed full time with a combined household income of roughly \$140K/year. Our home is modest, around 2100 square feet. It is all brick and has energy efficient windows and doors. We have lived in it for 15 years and have a good interest rate on our mortgage. We lease than typical debt, no student loans left to pay, Modest car payments and little credit card debt. We live a very typical and normal life for those in this area. Our research actually indicates we would be considered higher income for this region.

We cannot afford CenterPoint's proposed rate increase. We simply can't and others like us have stated how they also can't afford it. This will affect how we are able to live our lives. This will effect the businesses we frequent and we will not be able to spend some of the money with them any longer. There are thousands of families just like us. Combine us being forced to cut back with those families who will also do the same and this will cripple the local small business community who will also be forced to deal with these rate increases.

Mr. Leger is wrong. He is poorly researched and transparently self-serving in his statements. Please, I ask you to reject them and do not consider them in your decision. I also ask that you reject this proposed increase not just for my family's sake, the other families you've heard from sakes, but for the community as a whole including the businesses who will be so hurt in both expenses and income from this increase.

Thank you for your time.

Clinton Hancock  
Indiana resident and CenterPoint utility customer  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patrick Strasik](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Centerpoint prices  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:44:41 AM

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Hello,

I wanted to voice my disgust at the proposed rate hikes for Centerpoint energy. Both my wife and I are teachers in Evansville and we have seen the price of energy go from easily affordable when we moved here in 2016, to having to consciously budget for our monthly electric bill in 2024. We are childless adults living in a 1600 square foot home, yet our electric bill is nearly triple the bill of my family in Ohio. We would happily switch companies, but there is no where else to go; to receive yet another hike in price would force us to put our student loans in forbearance as we figure out ways to make ends meet. Something must be done about this company— how is it sustainable for young families?

Sincerely,  
Patrick Strasik

**From:** [Chad Hart](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Case Comments Re: CenterPoint  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:49:00 PM

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I am a customer of CenterPoint, formerly Vectren, and I am writing on my own behalf.  
I am commenting regarding:

Pending Fuel Cost Adjustment (IURC Cause No. 38708 FAC143)  
Rate Case (IURC Cause No. 45990)  
Clean Energy Case (IURC Cause No. 46058)  
Coal Ash Compliance Project (IURC Cause No. 45903)  
Proposed 5-year infrastructure plan (IURC Cause No. 45894)

It is simply unconscionable that Southwest Indiana/Evansville metro customers have paid the highest rates in Indiana for the last 20 years. It's also unconscionable that CenterPoint is proposing to increase rates and other costs. If CenterPoint cannot sustainably operate without creating undue and out of line costs for its customers, the State of Indiana should do something. How can other utility operators in other regions in Indiana manage to be successful and profitable to such an extent that they have had not just marginally lower rates, but much lower rates consistently for 20 years? What is wrong with Vectren, now CenterPoint's, business model, management, and operations? Is there fraud, mismanagement, malice, greed, impropriety, incompetence?

Chad Hart  
Evansville, IN 47714  
8124703601

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Duffie Ascher  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:16:08 PM

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Address: 15235 KINGSMONT DR  
EVANSVILLE  
IN  
47725

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Price Increases

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am outraged and appalled at the greed of CenterPoint energy and their proposed monthly bill increase for consumers. As a disabled Vet, married to a disabled vet, and a hard-working member of this community, I can hardly stand to think my hard-earned income will go to line the pockets of greedy, wealthy CEOs and investors meanwhile I have to scrimp and scrounge to make each month's bill as the rate increases EVERY month. I have yet to have two bills of the same amount in the nearly 2 years I've lived in this state. I own a three-bedroom, one story home, with energy efficient appliances and keep my AC set to 71, delaying turning on the cool or heat until absolutely necessary. We never leave lights on, we're religious about monitoring the usage, etc. Yet month after month my bill fluctuates drastically from the lowest being \$109 to the highest being \$234. \$234 for running one TV maybe 20 hours a month, approximately 100 hours of energy efficient light bulb use, and a couple loads of laundry a month (we're a family of 3, mind you). It's unconscionable! I actually called CenterPoint and the water company (separate but similar issue!) at one point to see if there was a misreading or a leak anywhere that can account for this insane monthly rate. I can't imagine if we didn't have good paying jobs what the monthly budget would look like just to keep lights on in my house. It's greedy and un-American to continue to gouge consumers for basic necessities, especially when CenterPoint as a monopoly on Evansville so it's not like i can switch to a competitor. Hard working Americans should not have to forgo things in their daily lives to ensure they can afford an outrageous electric bill just so corporate fat cats can buy another luxury vehicle .

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: daniel townsend  
**Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 10:18:09 AM

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Email: dtown1965@outlook.com  
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EVANSVILLE  
IN  
47720  
Utilities: CENTER POINT  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: The people are sick and tired of the state sanctioning any and all rate increases for Center Point!! We already have the highest rates in the state!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear

I am a center point energy customer. Each month I pay 252.00 on the budget plan. I can understand the electric charges OK. But the gas charges are down right confusing. Distribution and service charge is always high and never the same. The gas cost charge is lower than the distribution and service charge, by a long shot. I would like to see on my next bill, the distribution charge and the service charge and gas cost charge like it is on the electric bill. Myself and many and many others feel that Center Point energy is charging us for gas we are not using. If that is the case. Its know wonder they have made millions on customers in Evansville, alone. Its time for all their customer's to have a chose. I would really like to see that happen. And I would like to hear from you.

Betty Dainey  
214 E. Tennessee St  
Evansville, IN.  
47711



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jeremy Burk  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 6:20:02 PM

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Name: Jeremy Burk

Email: [jsburk3@gmail.com](mailto:jsburk3@gmail.com)

Phone:

Address:

Evansville

IN

47725

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I oppose the increase. As a family, we have done everything possible to reduce our use only to have our bill increase. I get messages about energy star, LED, and other tips to lower a bill that they have been increasing since the buy out. Residents have seen increases in water, gas, and electricity when it comes to utilities. These are staples to live, especially with our weather getting hotter each year. No to the increase.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Matthew Westenbarger  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:56:07 AM

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Email: [mwestenbarger@msn.com](mailto:mwestenbarger@msn.com)

Phone: (812) 461-8641

Address: 3021 Sheridan Rd

Evansville

IN

47710

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am sorry i do not know the case number but you probably have it memorized from the thousands of comments you have received asking you to deny the most recent rate hike.

The proposed settlement by CenterPoint will still cause an unreasonable burden on customers like me. Please listen to the overwhelming response from customers and elected officials pleading to deny this proposal. CenterPoint customers have paid the highest utility rates in indiana for over 20 years, even though we have a much lower median income than many areas. CenterPoint has been allowed to take advantage of its monopoly and over charge its customers for years. Please have compassion for us in Southern Indiana and deny this rate hike.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: michael orourke  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:46:07 AM

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Address: 6599 blue spruce dr  
newburgh  
IN  
47630  
Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Richard C. Leger, the senior vice president of CenterPoint's Indiana electric branch, recently gave testimony on their pending rate increase. His testimony illustrated how dishonest and disingenuous CenterPoint has been regarding their rates. To suggest their rates are not unaffordable is completely false. Southwest Indiana customers have endured the highest utility rates in the state for over a decade. His and Centerpoint's insensitivity to a rate increase of \$50 month is mind boggling! This has to stop now!

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Robin C Wright  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:45:05 PM

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Name: Robin C Wright  
Email: [robincwright@aol.com](mailto:robincwright@aol.com)  
Phone:  
Address:  
Evansville  
IN  
47714

Utilities: CenterPoint's proposed rate increase. I am a customer.

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As with The Citizens Action Coalition, I am alarmed that consumers are not represented in the proposed settlement, only a couple of large businesses. I was at the meeting in Evansville and heard excruciating testimony from those worried about how they will afford their bills with the rate increase. I am semi-retired, working a part-time job and my husband is fully retired. The proposed increase, even the most recent proposed settlement, will be a financial drain on us as our incomes will not be increasing at the rate of their proposed increase. I hope this rate increase will not be allowed, but at the very least will be reduced to a more affordable level.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Samuel C. Rumade  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:36:57 PM

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Phone:  
Address: 3362 W Michigan St  
Evansville  
IN  
47712  
Utilities: Centerpoint  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Centerpoint and the supposed regulators are thieves.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Susan hon  
**Date:** Friday, May 24, 2024 7:43:00 PM

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Evansville  
IN  
47714  
Utilities: Centerpoint  
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry  
Comments: I am getting disability and a raise the electric \$32 more a month is ridiculous you know I only make so much and this is going to take from my food budget

**From:** [DONALD SMITH](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** High rates from CenterPoint energy my name is Donald Smith and you are the only one who can keep them from charging such high rates please protect us  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:54:57 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dnoneck@aol.com](mailto:dnoneck@aol.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Center Point rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:46:40 PM

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To all Concerned,

On the Centerpoint proposed rate hike.

1. It would be one thing if centerpoint wasn't already making record profits, which they are.
2. They say they haven't raised rates in 15 years which is a lie because they haven't been here that long.
3. They cannot include what Vectren did or did not do with the rates.
4. The highest utility bills in the state for almost 20 years now.

Darrin (NONECK) Maxey  
Rolling Thunder IN. Chapter 6  
Treasurer / Grill Team  
Cell 812-484-6034

**"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Cold beer in one hand - hot chick in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming,"**

**"WOO HOO!! What a Ride!"**

"A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government."

George Washington



**From:** [Kelly Trinh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations  
**Date:** Friday, June 28, 2024 10:57:08 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,  
Kelly Trinh  
20 Springhaven Dr  
Evansville, IN 47710

**From:** [Sara Watson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:16:19 AM

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Thank you,  
Sara Watson  
7849 Wisteria Ln  
Evansville, IN 47720

**From:** [Tao Mou](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations  
**Date:** Monday, June 10, 2024 8:42:50 AM

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Tao Mou  
3905 S Woods Edge Bend  
Bloomington, IN 47401

**From:** [Randy Like](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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Thank you,  
Randy Like  
4355 Hawthorne Dr  
Newburgh, IN 47630

**From:** [beverly myers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:55:13 PM

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Thank you,  
beverly myers  
741 Colonial Way  
Greenwood, IN 46142

**From:** [Joseph Dwyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, May 3, 2024 5:23:56 PM

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We are all electric customers (Rate EH) at the same Indiana address since 1999. There is no justification for CenterPoint/Vectren/Sigeco eliminating our grandfathered electric rate discount. We use more electricity than combined gas/electric households, therefore CenterPoint makes higher revenue off of us. This was the original negotiated compromise, since the late 1970s, for such customers- use more and get a discounted rate. Nothing has changed except Centerpoint's greed. Say no to this proposed change.

In addition, so called 'regulated' Utilities in Indiana should not be allowed to own and control two competing energy products- methane gas and electricity. Either source of energy, and its distribution, should be controlled by separate entities and stand on its own merits. We have no need for methane at our home and never will. Centerpoint should be offering incentives to use more electricity and at the proper times, like discounted electric vehicle charging at night. There is no market based signal, competition, etc. in the current setup. It is truly dysfunctional.

In addition, ratepayers should have the ability to sell excess solar generation to whoever they like at whatever price the market will take. It is beyond ridiculous that CenterPoint says wholesale electricity is only worth \$0.03/kWh, yet they charge local ratepayers \$0.16-\$0.20/kWh. Anyone looking at competing local & regional electric utilities knows the going retail electric rate is \$0.09- \$0.13/kWh. The market rate of electricity transmission and distribution is only \$0.06- \$0.10/kWh, using CenterPoint's own energy cost! We are truly

getting ripped off by Centerpoint/Vectren/Sigeco with their current and proposed rates.

It would be better off for all ratepayers here to rescind CenterPoint's license to operate and award it to Henderson Municipal Utilities across the River in Kentucky. They charge retail customers \$0.09- \$0.10/kWh for delivered electricity on the same regional electric grid (MISO).

Joseph Dwyer, Evansville, IN- Cause Number 45990.

Thank you,  
Joseph Dwyer  
7623 Rock Creek Ln  
Evansville, IN 47711

**From:** [Mitzi White](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint customers can't afford to subsidize large corporations  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 9:02:44 AM

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Mitzi White  
51 E Pennsylvania St  
Shelbyville, IN 46176



**From:** [Ian Payne](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:46:32 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!

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Respectfully,  
Ian Payne  
2108 E Riverside Dr  
Evansville, IN 47714

**From:** [Ryan Hart](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CenterPoint's request to hike electric rates by \$47+/month is outrageous  
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Ryan Hart  
2320 S Red Bank Rd  
Evansville, IN 47712

**From:** [Rosemary Jarrett](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:56:52 AM

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Regards,  
Rosemary Jarrett  
9 Oak Meadow Rd  
Evansville, IN 47725

**From:** Sharon Kamman  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities  
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Regards,  
Sharon Kamman  
922 Holly Dr  
Seymour, IN 47274

**From:** [Mary Harper](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 8:24:52 AM

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Regards,  
Mary Harper  
101 E Main St  
Newburgh, IN 47630

**From:** [Robert Utley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please fight for Hoosiers, not monopoly electric utilities  
**Date:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:22:51 AM

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Regards,  
Robert Utley  
10622 County Rd 509 S  
Newburgh, IN 47630

**From:** [freoneryds](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2024 9:46:01 AM

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I am centerpoint residential customer. I am a union contract worker. I know whats involved with power plants operations and whats involved with upgrades. It takes hundreds of workers to maintain a facility. The oldest plant in southern IN is 69 years old. The other five are over fifty years old. I'm sure they have been paid off by now. The owners are quite wealthy i'm sure. When utility companies increase their rates so much that it hurts the customer that provides that wealth it could seem that they are being taken advantage of. Utility companies know they have the upper hand. The power they supply they know the customer needs and cant do without. The rate increase they want should be shown to be necessary a transparent record should be shown to the public.

Customer  
Tim Herring

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on July 19, 2024.

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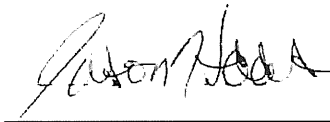
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