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Brad Borum
Director of Research, Policy and Planning
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Borum:

Vectren/CenterPoint Energy's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) reflects positive developments with respect to its resource mix. As a result of the Preferred Plan, Vectren/Centerpoint Energy's proposal to reduce nearly 75% of carbon dioxide or CO2 emissions by 2035; and, diversify its set of resources from a blend of renewables, coal and natural gas, while minimizing customer costs over the next 20 years, is a big win for all of Southwest Indiana.

The directional nature of the IRP is significant and beneficial as well for economic growth in Southwest Indiana. The shift to renewable resources supports future growth among Vectren/CenterPoint Energy's large industrial and commercial clients as well as attracts new customers to its overall base. Renewable energy has become increasingly important in addressing climate change; and, by Vectren/CenterPoint reviewing their own current operations along with the sources of energy relied upon by the local utility, Indiana and Southwest Indiana residents become the beneficiaries.

Furthermore, the creation of additional renewable jobs in the communities Vectren/CenterPoint Energy serves has a ripple effect on the local economy that supports growth, retention and attraction. On behalf of the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana and the Evansville Industrial Foundation, we support of the direction of Vectren/CenterPoint Energy's IRP generation resource mix and encourage its approval.

Respectfully,



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Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana



Brian Williams
Secretary of the Board
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