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Notice of 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

TO BE HELD MAY 16, 2017

To Shareholders of Vectren Corporation:

You are invited to attend our 2017 annual meeting of shareholders on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Time). The meeting will be held at our corporate offices located at One Vectren Square, 211 N.W. Riverside Drive, Evansville, Indiana. The items of business are:

1. Election of all directors;
2. Approve a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of the Named Executive Officers (“NEOs”);
3. Approve on a non-binding advisory basis (every one, two, or three years, or abstain) the frequency of the shareholder vote on the compensation of the Vectren Corporation NEOs;
4. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP (“Deloitte”) as the independent registered public accounting firm for Vectren Corporation and its subsidiaries for 2017; and
5. Consider any other business that is properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2017 are entitled to vote on the above items of business at the meeting and at any postponement or adjournment of the meeting. Pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), proxy materials were delivered to many of our shareholders over the Internet. On March 24, 2017, these shareholders were mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access electronically this proxy statement and the 2016 annual report to shareholders.

Shareholders who did not receive the Notice of Internet Availability will receive a copy of the proxy statement and annual report by mail. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is important and we urge you to vote promptly.

You may vote your shares by telephone at
1-866-883-3382, or

If you received a copy of the proxy by mail, you may vote by
returning the enclosed proxy in the accompanying self-addressed
envelope, or

You may vote your shares online via the Internet
at www.proxypush.com/vvc, or

You may also vote in person at the annual meeting.

If your shares are held by a bank, broker or nominee, please review the voting options provided by them on your voter instruction form and act accordingly. As required by federal law, absent your vote, your broker, bank or nominee is not permitted to use its discretion to vote your shares on Items 1, 2, 3 and 4. For your vote to be counted, you will need to communicate your voting decisions on these matters to your bank, broker or nominee. You can revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised.

By order of the Board of Directors,
VECTREN CORPORATION

By: RONALD E. CHRISTIAN
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and External Affairs Officer
and Corporate Secretary
Evansville, Indiana
March 24, 2017

Location of May 16, 2017

Annual Shareholders' Meeting

Vectren Corporation

One Vectren Square, 211 N.W. Riverside Drive

Evansville, IN 47708-1251

Shareholders will be provided parking in the lot at Vectren Corporation, One Vectren Square, 211 N.W. Riverside Drive, Evansville, Indiana. Vectren Corporation is located between Vine and Court Streets off Riverside Drive in Evansville.

Your Vote Is Important

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is important and we urge you to vote promptly. You may vote your shares via a toll-free number or over the Internet. If you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided. You may revoke your proxy prior to or at the meeting and vote in person if you wish. If your shares are held by a broker, bank or nominee, it is important that they receive your voting instructions.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2017

Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on

May 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Time)

Our proxy statement for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders and our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 are available at www.vectren.com.

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Introduction

Proxy Statement

The following information is furnished in connection with the solicitation of the enclosed proxy by and on behalf of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Vectren Corporation (the “Company” or “Vectren”). The proxy will be used at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company’s corporate headquarters located at One Vectren Square, 211 N.W. Riverside Drive, Evansville, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Time), and at any adjournment of the meeting for the matters to be acted upon under its authority. Under the SEC rules that allow companies to provide proxy materials to shareholders over the Internet, proxy materials have been delivered to many of our shareholders in that manner. This delivery process provides these shareholders with the information they need, while at the same time conserving natural resources and lowering the cost of delivery. On March 24, 2017, these shareholders were mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (“Notice”) containing instructions on how to access electronically this proxy statement and the 2016 annual report to shareholders. The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote online or by telephone and on how to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. On March 24, 2017, we also first mailed this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card to shareholders who will not receive the Notice.

Further, the SEC rules permit delivery of a single notice of annual meeting materials to one address shared by two or more shareholders. This delivery method, referred to as “householding,” conserves natural resources and avoids costs. Therefore, only a single notice or set of annual meeting materials was delivered to shareholders at a shared address. If you prefer to receive separate copies of the notice or annual meeting materials, contact Vectren Corporation’s Shareholder Services Department by telephone at (800) 227-8625 or by e-mail at investors@vectren.com, and this material will be promptly delivered to you. If you are currently a shareholder sharing an address with another shareholder and wish to receive only one copy of future notices or annual meeting materials, contact Vectren Corporation’s Shareholder Services Department at the above telephone number or email address.

Purposes of Meeting

As of this date, the only known business to be presented at the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders is 1) the election of directors of the Company to serve for a term of one year or until their successors are duly qualified and elected, 2) the approval of a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of the Company’s NEOs, 3) the non-binding advisory vote on the frequency of shareholder advisory votes on executive compensation, and 4) the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company and its subsidiaries for 2017. The enclosed proxy authorizes the proxy holders to vote on these matters and on all other matters that may properly come before the meeting, and it is the intention of the proxy holders to take any such action utilizing their best judgment. Only shares held by those present at the meeting, or for which proxies are returned, will be considered to be represented at the meeting. For the purpose of determining a quorum, shares represented at the meeting are counted without regard to whether they are abstentions or broker non-votes as to any particular item.

Voting Securities

As of March 10, 2017, the Company had one class of capital stock outstanding, consisting of 82,950,693 shares of common stock without par value. The holders of the outstanding shares of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on each matter presented to a vote at the meeting. However, unless the holder personally appears and votes at the meeting, shares for which no proxy is returned (whether registered in the name of the actual holder or in the name of a bank, broker or nominee) will not be voted. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2017 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or at any adjournment of the meeting.

Solicitations of Proxies

The Board solicits your proxy for use at the meeting. Shares held in your name and represented by your proxy will be voted as you instruct if your proxy is duly executed and returned prior to the annual meeting. Shares represented by proxies that are returned signed but without instructions for voting will be voted as recommended by the Board. Shares represented by proxies that are returned unsigned or improperly marked will be treated as abstentions for voting purposes. You may revoke

your proxy at any time before it is exercised by written notice to the secretary of the Company received prior to the time of the meeting or in person at the meeting.

If you are a participant in the Company's automatic dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan, your proxy card will represent the number of shares registered in your name and the number of shares credited to your plan account. For those shares held in this plan, your proxy card will serve as direction to the plan administrator as to how your account is to be voted.

If your shares are held in a brokerage account, you may instruct your broker, bank or other nominee to vote your shares by following instructions that the broker, bank or nominee provides to you. Most brokers offer voting by mail, telephone or via the Internet.

Cost and Method of Solicitation

The cost of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing this proxy statement, the enclosed proxy and any other material which may be furnished to shareholders in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the meeting will be borne by the Company. The Company has retained D. F. King & Company to assist in soliciting proxies from shareholders, including brokers' accounts, at an estimated fee of \$9,500 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, some of the officers and regular employees of the Company, who will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries for such solicitation, may solicit proxies by telephone, email or personal visits. The cost of such additional solicitation, if any, is estimated to not exceed \$5,000, and will be borne by the Company. The Company expects to reimburse banks, brokerages and other custodians of the Company's stock for their reasonable charges and expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

Revocation Rights

A shareholder executing and delivering the enclosed proxy may revoke it by written notice delivered to the secretary of the Company, or in person at the annual meeting, at any time before the authority granted by it is exercised.