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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 1-15467

VECTREN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

35-2086905  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Vectren Square  
(Address of principal executive offices)

47708  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 812-491-4000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered



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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  
Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of June 30, 2007, was \$2,040,161,249.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock - Without Par Value	76,357,138	January 31, 2008
Class	Number of Shares	Date

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Documents Incorporated by Reference

Certain information in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A, not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, is incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

Definitions

AFUDC: allowance for funds used during construction	MMBTU: millions of British thermal units
APB: Accounting Principles Board	MW: megawatts
EITF: Emerging Issues Task Force	MWh / GWh: megawatt hours / thousands of megawatt hours (gigawatt hours)
FASB: Financial Accounting Standards Board	NOx: nitrogen oxide
FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	OUCC: Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor
IDEM: Indiana Department of Environmental Management	PUCO: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
IURC: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	SFAS: Statement of Financial Accounting Standards
MCF / BCF: thousands / billions of cubic feet	USEPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency
MDth / MMDth: thousands / millions of dekatherms	Throughput: combined gas sales and gas transportation volumes

Access to Information

Vectren Corporation makes available all SEC filings and recent annual reports free of charge through its website at [www.vectren.com](http://www.vectren.com), or by request, directed to Investor Relations at the mailing address, phone number, or email address that follows:

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Description of the Business

Vectren Corporation (the Company or Vectren), an Indiana corporation, is an energy holding company headquartered in Evansville, Indiana. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Vectren Utility Holdings, Inc. (Utility Holdings), serves as the intermediate holding company for three operating public utilities: Indiana Gas Company, Inc. (Indiana Gas or Vectren North), Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO or Vectren South), and the Ohio operations (VEDO or Vectren Ohio). Utility Holdings also has other assets that provide information technology and other services to the three utilities. Utility Holdings' consolidated operations are collectively referred to as the Utility Group. Both Vectren and Utility Holdings are holding companies as defined by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Energy Act). Vectren was incorporated under the laws of Indiana on June 10, 1999.

Indiana Gas provides energy delivery services to over 568,000 natural gas customers located in central and southern Indiana. SIGECO provides energy delivery services to over 141,000 electric customers and approximately 112,000 gas customers located near Evansville in southwestern Indiana. SIGECO also owns and operates electric generation to serve its electric customers and optimizes those assets in the wholesale power market. Indiana Gas and SIGECO generally do business as Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana. The Ohio operations provide energy delivery services to approximately 318,000 natural gas customers located near Dayton in west central Ohio. The Ohio operations are owned as a tenancy in common by Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO), a wholly owned subsidiary of Utility Holdings (53 percent ownership), and Indiana Gas (47 percent ownership). The Ohio operations generally do business as Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio.

The Company, through Vectren Enterprises, Inc. (Enterprises), is involved in nonutility activities in three primary business areas: Energy Marketing and Services, Coal Mining and Energy Infrastructure Services. Energy Marketing and Services markets and supplies natural gas and provides energy management services. Coal Mining mines and sells coal. Energy Infrastructure Services provides underground construction and repair services and performance contracting and renewable energy services. Enterprises also has other businesses that invest in energy-related opportunities and services, real estate, and leveraged leases, among other investments. In addition the Company has in the past invested in projects that generated synfuel tax credits and processing fees relating to the production of coal-based synthetic fuels. These operations are collectively referred to as the Nonutility Group. Enterprises supports the Company's regulated utilities pursuant to service contracts by providing natural gas supply services, coal, infrastructure services, and other services.

Narrative Description of the Business

The Company segregates its operations into three groups: the Utility Group, the Nonutility Group, and Corporate and Other. At December 31, 2007, the Company had \$4.3 billion in total assets, with \$3.6 billion (84 percent) attributed to the Utility Group, \$0.7 billion (16 percent) attributed to the Nonutility Group, and less than \$0.1 billion attributed to Corporate and Other. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$143.1 million, or \$1.89 per share of common stock, with net income of \$106.5 million attributed to the Utility Group and \$37.0 million attributed to the Nonutility Group, and a net loss of \$0.4 million attributed to Corporate and Other. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$108.8 million, or \$1.44 per share of common stock. For further information regarding the activities and assets of operating segments within these Groups, refer to Note 16 in the Company's consolidated financial statements included under "Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."



Following is a more detailed description of the Utility Group and Nonutility Group. Corporate and Other operations are not significant.

#### Utility Group

The Utility Group is comprised of Utility Holdings' operations. The operations of the Utility Group consist of the Company's regulated operations and other operations that provide information technology and other support services to those regulated operations. The Company segregates its regulated operations into the Gas Utility Services operating segment and the Electric Utility Services operating segment. The Gas Utility Services segment includes the operations of

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Indiana Gas, the Ohio operations, and SIGECO's natural gas distribution business and provides natural gas distribution and transportation services to nearly two-thirds of Indiana and to west central Ohio. The Electric Utility Services segment includes the operations of SIGECO's electric transmission and distribution services, which provides electric distribution services primarily to southwestern Indiana, and includes the Company's power generating and asset optimization operations. In total, these regulated operations supply natural gas and/or electricity to over one million customers. The Utility Group's other operations are not significant.

### Gas Utility Services

At December 31, 2007, the Company supplied natural gas service to approximately 998,000 Indiana and Ohio customers, including 911,000 residential, 85,000 commercial, and 2,000 industrial and other contract customers. This represents customer base growth of 0.3 percent compared to 2006.

The Company's service area contains diversified manufacturing and agriculture-related enterprises. The principal industries served include automotive assembly, parts and accessories, feed, flour and grain processing, metal castings, aluminum products, appliance manufacturing, polycarbonate resin (Lexan®) and plastic products, gypsum products, electrical equipment, metal specialties, glass, steel finishing, pharmaceutical and nutritional products, gasoline and oil products, and coal mining. The largest Indiana communities served are Evansville, Bloomington, Terre Haute, and suburban areas surrounding Indianapolis and Indiana counties near Louisville, Kentucky. The largest community served outside of Indiana is Dayton, Ohio.

### Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2007, gas utility revenues were approximately \$1,269.4 million, of which residential customers accounted for 67 percent, commercial 27 percent, and industrial and other contract customers 6 percent.

The Company receives gas revenues by selling gas directly to customers at approved rates or by transporting gas through its pipelines at approved rates to customers that have purchased gas directly from other producers, brokers, or marketers. Total volumes of gas provided to both sales and transportation customers (throughput) were 194.6 MMDth for the year ended December 31, 2007. Gas transported or sold to residential and commercial customers was 108.4 MMDth representing 56 percent of throughput. Gas transported or sold to industrial and other contract customers was 86.2 MMDth representing 44 percent of throughput. Rates for transporting gas generally provide for the same margins earned by selling gas under applicable sales tariffs.

The volume of gas sold is seasonal and affected by variations in weather conditions. To mitigate seasonal demand, the Company has storage capacity at seven active underground gas storage fields and six liquefied petroleum air-gas manufacturing plants. The Company also contracts with its affiliate, ProLiance Holdings, LLC (ProLiance), and with other third party gas service providers to ensure availability of gas. ProLiance is an unconsolidated, nonutility, energy marketing affiliate of Vectren and Citizens Gas and Coke Utility (Citizens Gas). (See the discussion of Energy Marketing & Services below and Note 3 in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in "Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" regarding transactions with ProLiance). Periodically, purchased natural gas is injected into storage. The injected gas is then available to supplement contracted and manufactured volumes during periods of peak requirements. The Company also prepays ProLiance for natural gas delivery services during the seven months prior to the peak heating season. The volumes of gas per day that can be delivered during peak demand periods for each utility are located in "Item 2 Properties."

### Gas Purchases

In 2007, the Company purchased 101,912 MDth volumes of gas at an average cost of \$8.14 per Dth, of which approximately 71 percent was purchased through ProLiance and 29 percent was purchased from third party

providers. Vectren received regulatory approval on April 25, 2006 from the IURC for ProLiance to provide natural gas supply services to the Company's Indiana utilities through March 2011. As a result of a June 2005 PUCO order, the Company has established an annual bidding process for VEDO's gas supply and portfolio administration services. Since November 1, 2005, the Company has used a third party provider for these services. Prior to October 31, 2005, ProLiance supplied natural gas to all of the Company's regulated gas utilities. The average cost of gas per Dth purchased for the previous five years was \$8.14 in 2007, \$8.64 in 2006, \$9.05 in 2005, \$6.92 in 2004, and \$6.36 in 2003.

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## Electric Utility Services

At December 31, 2007, the Company supplied electric service to over 141,000 Indiana customers, including approximately 122,000 residential, 18,800 commercial, and 200 industrial and other customers. Customer base growth was approximately 0.5 percent compared to 2006. In addition, the Company has firm power commitments to nearby municipalities and has contingency reserve requirements consistent with Reliability First Corp. standards.

The principal industries served include polycarbonate resin (Lexan®) and plastic products, aluminum smelting and recycling, aluminum sheet products, automotive assembly, steel finishing, appliance manufacturing, pharmaceutical and nutritional products, automotive glass, gasoline and oil products, and coal mining.

## Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2007, retail and firm wholesale electricity sales totaled 6,216.5 GWh, resulting in revenues of approximately \$448.1 million. Residential customers accounted for 36 percent of 2007 revenues; commercial 25 percent; industrial 31 percent, and municipal and other 8 percent. In addition, the Company sold 921.3 GWh through optimization activities in 2007, generating revenue, net of purchased power costs, of \$39.8 million.

## System Load

Total load for each of the years 2003 through 2007 at the time of the system summer peak, and the related reserve margin, is presented below in MW.

Date of summer peak load	8/08/2007	8/10/2006	7/25/2005	7/13/2004	8/27/2003
Total load at peak (1)	1,341	1,325	1,315	1,222	1,272
Generating capability	1,295	1,351	1,351	1,351	1,351
Firm purchase supply	130	107	107	105	32
Interruptible contracts	62	62	76	51	95
Total power supply capacity	1,487	1,520	1,534	1,507	1,478
Reserve margin at peak	11%	15%	17%	23%	16%

(1) The total load at peak is increased 25 MW in 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2003 from the total load actually experienced. The additional 25 MW represents load that would have been incurred if Summer Cycler program had not been activated. The 25 MW is also included in the interruptible contract portion of the Company's total power supply capacity in those years. On the date of peak in 2004, Summer Cycler program was not activated.

The winter peak load for the 2006-2007 season of approximately 961 MW occurred on December 7, 2006. The prior year winter peak load was approximately 935 MW, occurring on December 20, 2005.

## Generating Capability

Installed generating capacity as of December 31, 2007, was rated at 1,295 MW. Coal-fired generating units provide 1,000 MW of capacity, and natural gas or oil-fired turbines used for peaking or emergency conditions provide 295 MW. Electric generation for 2007 was fueled by coal (98 percent) and natural gas (2 percent). Oil was used only for testing of gas/oil-fired peaking units. The Company generated approximately 6,873 GWh in 2007. Further information about the Company's owned generation is included in "Item 2 Properties".

In January 2008, the Company requested authority from the IURC to build a 100 MW gas-fired turbine peaking unit in Gibson County Indiana. If approved, it would be operational by 2010. The Company discontinued operations of

Culley Unit 1 (50 MW) effective December 31, 2006.

There are substantial coal reserves in the southern Indiana area, and coal for coal-fired generating stations has been supplied from operators of nearby Indiana coal mines, including those owned by Vectren Fuels, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Approximately 3.3 million tons of coal were purchased for generating electricity during 2007, of which approximately 92 percent was supplied by Vectren Fuels,

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Inc. from its mines and third party purchases. The average cost of coal consumed in generating electric energy for the years 2003 through 2007 follows:

Avg. Cost Per	Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Ton	\$ 40.23	\$ 37.51	\$ 30.27	\$ 27.06	\$ 24.91
MWh	19.78	18.44	14.94	13.06	11.93

Firm Purchase Supply

The Company maintains a 1.5 percent interest in the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC). The OVEC is comprised of several electric utility companies, including SIGECO, and supplies power requirements to the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) uranium enrichment plant near Portsmouth, Ohio. The participating companies are entitled to receive from OVEC, and are obligated to pay for, any available power in excess of the DOE contract demand. At the present time, the DOE contract demand is essentially zero. Because of this decreased demand, the Company's 1.5 percent interest in the OVEC makes available approximately 30 MW of capacity for use in other operations. The Company purchased approximately 231 GWh from OVEC in 2007.

The Company has a capacity contract with Duke Energy Marketing America, LLC. (Duke) to purchase as much as 100 MW at any time from a power plant located in Vermillion County, Indiana. The contract ends on December 31, 2009. The Company purchased approximately 17 GWh under this contract in 2007.

Other Power Purchases

The Company also purchases power as needed principally from the MISO to supplement its generation and firm purchase supply in periods of peak demand. Volumes purchased principally from the MISO in 2007 totaled 416 GWh.

Interconnections

The Company has interconnections with Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Duke Energy Shared Services, Inc., Indianapolis Power & Light Company, Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Big Rivers Electric Corporation, and the City of Jasper, Indiana, providing the historic ability to simultaneously interchange approximately 500 MW. However, the ability of the Company to effectively utilize the electric transmission grid in order to achieve its desired import/export capability has been, and may continue to be, impacted as a result of the ongoing changes in the operation of the Midwestern transmission grid. The Company, as a member of the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO), has turned over operational control of the interchange facilities and its own transmission assets, like many other Midwestern electric utilities, to MISO. See "Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition" regarding the Company's participation in MISO.

Competition

The utility industry has undergone dramatic structural change for several years, resulting in increasing competitive pressures faced by electric and gas utility companies. Currently, several states have passed legislation allowing electricity customers to choose their electricity supplier in a competitive electricity market and several other states are considering such legislation. At the present time, Indiana has not adopted such legislation. Ohio regulation allows gas customers to choose their commodity supplier. The Company implemented a choice program for its gas customers in Ohio in January 2003. At December 31, 2007, over 77,000 customers in Vectren's Ohio service territory purchase natural gas from a supplier other than the utility. Margin earned for transporting natural gas to those customers, who have purchased natural gas from another supplier, are generally the same as those earned by selling gas under Ohio tariffs. Indiana has not adopted any regulation requiring gas choice; however, the Company operates under approved tariffs permitting large volume customers to choose their commodity supplier.

On February 4, 2008, the Company along with the OCC and other interveners filed a settlement agreement with the PUCO regarding the first two stages of a three stage plan to exit the merchant function in the Company's Ohio service territory. As designed, the terms and conditions of the plan allow in stage one for a regulator-approved auction to select qualified wholesale suppliers that will supply gas commodity to the Company for resale to its customers at auction-determined standard pricing. In stage two, the Company will no longer sell natural gas directly to customers; rather a regulator-approved auction will select state-certified Choice suppliers that will sell gas commodity to customers at auction-determined standard pricing and the Company will transport that gas supply to the customers. In the third stage, which is not part of this application filing, it is contemplated that all of the Company's Ohio customers will choose their commodity supplier from state-certified Choice suppliers in the competitive market. The settlement agreement includes an Exit Transition Cost rider which, if approved, will allow the Company to recover costs associated with the transition to this market structure. As the cost of gas is currently passed through to customers through a regulator approved recovery mechanism, the impact of exiting the merchant function should not have a material impact on Company earnings or financial condition. If the settlement agreement is approved, the Company's transition to this market structure will commence in mid to late 2008.

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Regulatory and Environmental Matters

See “Item 7 Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition” regarding the Company’s regulatory environment and environmental matters.

Nonutility Group

The Company is involved in nonutility activities in three primary business areas: Energy Marketing and Services, Coal Mining, and Energy Infrastructure Services.

Energy Marketing and Services

The Energy Marketing and Services group relies heavily on a customer focused, value added strategy in three areas: gas marketing, energy management, and retail gas supply.

ProLiance

ProLiance Holdings, LLC (ProLiance), a nonutility energy marketing affiliate of Vectren and Citizens Gas and Coke Utility (Citizens Gas), provides services to a broad range of municipalities, utilities, industrial operations, schools, and healthcare institutions located throughout the Midwest and Southeast United States. ProLiance’s customers include Vectren’s Indiana utilities and nonutility gas supply operations and Citizens Gas. ProLiance’s primary businesses include gas marketing, gas portfolio optimization, and other portfolio and energy management services. Consistent with its ownership percentage, Vectren is allocated 61 percent of ProLiance’s profits and losses; however, governance and voting rights remain at 50 percent for each member; and therefore, the Company accounts for its investment in ProLiance using the equity method of accounting. The Company, including its retail gas supply operations, contracted for 75 percent of its natural gas purchases through ProLiance in 2007.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, ProLiance’s revenues, including sales to Vectren companies, exceeded \$2.3 billion.

At December 31, 2007, the pre-tax earnings of ProLiance exceeded 20 percent of Vectren’s pre-tax earnings. In accordance with Regulation S-X, paragraph 3-09, ProLiance’s audited financial statements as of and for its fiscal years ending September 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005, are included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 10-K.

Vectren Source

Vectren Retail, LLC (d/b/a Vectren Source) provides natural gas and other related products and services in the Midwest and Southeast United States to over 161,000 residential and commercial customers opting for choice among energy providers. Vectren Source generated approximately \$168.3 million in revenues in 2007, up from \$162.5 million in 2006. Gas sold approximated 13,543 MDth in 2007, 12,228 MDth in 2006 and 12,411 MDth in 2005.

Coal Mining

The Coal Mining group mines and sells coal to the Company’s utility operations and to third parties through its wholly owned subsidiary Vectren Fuels, Inc (Fuels). The Company’s two coal mines produced 4.1 million tons in 2007, compared to 4.0 million tons in 2006 and 4.4 million tons in 2005.



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In April 2006, Fuels announced plans to open two new underground mines near Vincennes, Indiana. The first mine is expected to be operational by early 2009, with the second mine opening the following year. Reserves at the two mines are estimated at 80 million tons of recoverable number-five coal at 11,200 BTU (British thermal units) and 6-pound sulfur dioxide. Management estimates a \$125 million investment to access the reserves. Once in full production, the two new mines are expected to produce 5 million tons of coal per year.

### Energy Infrastructure Services

Energy Infrastructure Services provides energy performance contracting operations through Energy Systems Group, LLC (ESG) and natural gas and water distribution, transmission, construction, repair and rehabilitation as well as the repair and rehabilitation of gas, water, and wastewater facilities through Miller Pipeline Corporation (Miller). Miller's customers include Vectren's utilities.

### Miller and Reliant Services, LLC

Effective July 1, 2006, the Company purchased the remaining 50 percent of Miller, making Miller a wholly owned subsidiary. The results of Miller's operations, formerly accounted for using the equity method, have been included in consolidated results since July 1, 2006. Prior to this transaction, Miller was 100 percent owned by Reliant Services, LLC (Reliant). Reliant provided facilities locating and meter reading services to the Company's utilities, as well as other utilities. Reliant exited the meter reading and facilities locating businesses in 2006.

### Energy Systems Group

Performance-based energy contracting operations are performed through Energy Systems Group, LLC (ESG). ESG assists schools, hospitals, governmental facilities, and other private institutions to reduce energy and maintenance costs by upgrading their facilities with energy-efficient equipment. ESG is also involved in creating renewable energy projects, including projects to process landfill gas into usable natural gas. ESG's customer base is located throughout the Midwest and Southeast United States. Prior to April 2003, ESG was a consolidated venture between the Company and Citizens Gas with the Company owning two-thirds. In April 2003, the Company purchased the remaining interest in ESG.

### Other Businesses

The Other Businesses group includes a variety of wholly owned operations and investments that have invested in broadband communication services, energy-related opportunities and services, real estate, and leveraged leases, among other investments. Major investments at December 31, 2007, include Haddington Energy Partnerships, two partnerships both approximately 40 percent owned; and wholly owned subsidiaries, Southern Indiana Properties, Inc. and Energy Realty, Inc.

The Company had an approximate 2 percent equity interest and a convertible subordinated debt investment in Utilicom Networks, LLC (Utilicom). The Company also had an approximate 19 percent equity interest in SIGECOM Holdings, Inc. (Holdings), which was formed by Utilicom to hold interests in SIGECOM, LLC (SIGECOM). SIGECOM provided broadband services, such as cable television, high-speed internet, and advanced local and long distance phone services, to the greater Evansville, Indiana area. The Company sold its investment in SIGECOM during 2006. See "Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition" regarding the Company's Other Businesses for additional information related to transactions involving Utilicom.

### Synthetic Fuel

The Company has an 8.3 percent ownership interest in Pace Carbon Synfuels, LP (Pace Carbon). Pace Carbon produced and sold coal-based synthetic fuel using Covol technology, and according to US tax law, its members

received a tax credit for every ton of coal-based synthetic fuel sold. In addition, Vectren Fuels, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary involved in coal mining, received processing fees from synfuel producers unrelated to Pace Carbon for a portion of its coal production. Under current tax laws, these synfuel related credits and fees ended on December 31, 2007. See “Item 7 Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition” regarding the Company’s Synfuel-Related activities for additional information related to Pace Carbon and Vectren Fuels.

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Personnel

As of December 31, 2007, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries had 3,579 employees, of which 2,123 are subject to collective bargaining arrangements. Of that total, 1,491 employees are Miller employees.

In July 2007, the Company reached a three-year labor agreement with Local 702 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, ending June 2010.

During 2006, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Miller, entered into several distributing and operating agreements with a variety of construction unions including Laborers International Union of America, International Union of Operating Engineers, the Teamsters, and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry. The agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers expires in May 2008. The rest of these agreements expire at various dates in 2009 through 2011. Miller negotiates these agreements through the Distribution and Contractors Association and the Pipeline Contractors Association.

In November 2005, the Company reached a four-year agreement with Local 175 of the Utility Workers Union of America, ending October 2009. In September 2005, the Company reached a four-year agreement with Local 135 of the Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers Union, ending September 2009.

In January 2004, the Company reached a five-year labor agreement, ending December 2008, with Local 1393 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and United Steelworkers of America Locals 12213 and 7441.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investors should consider carefully the following factors that could cause the Company's operating results and financial condition to be materially adversely affected. New risks may emerge at any time, and the Company cannot predict those risks or estimate the extent to which they may affect the Company's businesses or financial performance.

Vectren is a holding company and its assets consist primarily of investments in its subsidiaries.

Dividends on Vectren's common stock depend on the earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and cash flow of its subsidiaries, principally Utility Holdings and Enterprises, and the distribution or other payment of earnings from those entities to Vectren. Should the earnings, financial condition, capital requirements or cash flow of, or legal requirements applicable to, them restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other payments to the Company, its ability to pay dividends on its common stock could be limited and its stock price could be adversely affected. Vectren's results of operations, future growth and earnings and dividend goals also will depend on the performance of its subsidiaries. Additionally, certain of the Company's lending arrangements contain restrictive covenants, including the maintenance of a total debt to total capitalization ratio, which could limit its ability to pay dividends.

Vectren operates in an increasingly competitive industry, which may affect its future earnings.

The utility industry has been undergoing dramatic structural change for several years, resulting in increasing competitive pressure faced by electric and gas utility companies. Increased competition may create greater risks to the stability of Vectren's earnings generally and may in the future reduce its earnings from retail electric and gas sales. Currently, several states, including Ohio, have passed legislation that allows customers to choose their electricity supplier in a competitive market. Indiana has not enacted such legislation. Ohio regulation also provides for choice of commodity providers for all gas customers. In 2003, the Company implemented this choice for its gas customers in Ohio. Indiana has not adopted any regulation requiring gas choice except for large-volume

customers. Vectren cannot provide any assurance that increased competition or other changes in legislation, regulation or policies will not have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition or results of operations.

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A significant portion of Vectren's gas and electric utility sales are space heating and cooling. Accordingly, its operating results may fluctuate with variability of weather.

Vectren's gas and electric utility sales are sensitive to variations in weather conditions. The Company forecasts utility sales on the basis of normal weather, which represents a 30-year historical average. Since Vectren does not have a weather-normalization mechanism for its electric operations or its Ohio natural gas operations, significant variations from normal weather could have a material impact on its earnings. However, the impact of weather on the gas operations in the Company's Indiana territories has been significantly mitigated through the implementation on October 15, 2005, of a normal temperature adjustment mechanism.

Vectren's gas and electric utility sales are concentrated in the Midwest.

The operations of the Company's regulated utilities are concentrated in central and southern Indiana and west central Ohio and are therefore impacted by changes in the Midwest economy in general and changes in particular industries concentrated in the Midwest. These industries include automotive assembly, parts and accessories, feed, flour and grain processing, metal castings, aluminum products, appliance manufacturing, polycarbonate resin (Lexan®) and plastic products, gypsum products, electrical equipment, metal specialties, glass, steel finishing, pharmaceutical and nutritional products, gasoline and oil products, and coal mining.

Risks related to the regulation of Vectren's businesses, including environmental regulation, could affect the rates the Company charges its customers, its costs and its profitability.

Vectren's businesses are subject to regulation by federal, state and local regulatory authorities. In particular, Vectren is subject to regulation by the FERC, the NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation), the IURC and the PUCO. These authorities regulate many aspects of its transmission and distribution operations, including construction and maintenance of facilities, operations, and safety, and its gas marketing operations involving title passage, reliability standards, and future adequacy. In addition, these regulatory agencies regulate the rates that Vectren's utilities can charge customers, the rate of return that Vectren's utilities are authorized to earn, and its ability to timely recover gas and fuel costs. The Company's ability to obtain rate increases to maintain its current authorized rate of return depends upon regulatory discretion, and there can be no assurance that Vectren will be able to obtain rate increases or rate supplements or earn its current authorized rate of return. As gas costs remain above historical levels, any future disallowance might be material to the Company's operations or financial condition.

Vectren's operations and properties are subject to extensive environmental regulation pursuant to a variety of federal, state and municipal laws and regulations. These environmental regulations impose, among other things, restrictions, liabilities and obligations in connection with storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of hazardous substances and waste and in connection with spills, releases and emissions of various substances in the environment. Such emissions from electric generating facilities include particulate matter, sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>), and mercury, among others.

Environmental legislation also requires that facilities, sites and other properties associated with Vectren's operations be operated, maintained, abandoned and reclaimed to the satisfaction of applicable regulatory authorities. The Company's current costs to comply with these laws and regulations are significant to its results of operations and financial condition. In addition, claims against the Company under environmental laws and regulations could result in material costs and liabilities. With the trend toward stricter standards, greater regulation, more extensive permit requirements and an increase in the number and types of assets operated by Vectren subject to environmental regulation, its investment in environmentally compliant equipment, and the costs associated with operating that equipment, have increased and are expected to increase in the future.

Further, there are proposals to address global climate change that would regulate carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases and other proposals that would mandate an investment in renewable energy sources. Any future legislative or regulatory actions taken to address global climate change or mandate renewable energy sources could adversely affect Vectren's business and results of operations by, for example, requiring changes in, and increased costs related to, the Company's fossil fuel generating plants and coal mining operations and increased costs to acquire renewable energy sources.

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From time to time, Vectren is subject to material litigation and regulatory proceedings.

From time to time, the Company, as well as its equity investees such as ProLiance, may be subject to material litigation and regulatory proceedings including matters involving compliance with state and federal laws or other matters. There can be no assurance that the outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on Vectren's business, prospects, results of operations or financial condition.

Vectren's electric operations are subject to various risks.

The Company's electric generating facilities are subject to operational risks that could result in unscheduled plant outages, unanticipated operation and maintenance expenses and increased power purchase costs. Such operational risks can arise from circumstances such as facility shutdowns due to equipment failure or operator error; interruption of fuel supply or increased prices of fuel as contracts expire; disruptions in the delivery of electricity; inability to comply with regulatory or permit requirements; labor disputes; and natural disasters.

The impact of MISO participation is uncertain.

Since February 2002 and with the IURC's approval, the Company has been a member of the MISO. The MISO serves the electrical transmission needs of much of the Midwest and maintains operational control over Vectren's electric transmission facilities as well as that of other Midwest utilities.

As a result of MISO's operational control over much of the Midwestern electric transmission grid, including SIGECO's transmission facilities, SIGECO's continued ability to import power, when necessary, and export power to the wholesale market has been, and may continue to be, impacted. Given the nature of MISO's policies regarding use of transmission facilities, as well as ongoing FERC initiatives, and a pending Day 3 market, where MISO plans to provide bid-based regulation and contingency operating reserve markets, it is difficult to predict near term operational impacts. MISO has indicated that the Day 3 ancillary services market would begin in June 2008.

The need to expend capital for improvements to the transmission system, both to Vectren's facilities as well as to those facilities of adjacent utilities, over the next several years is expected to be significant. As part of its recent rate case, SIGECO obtained approval to recover costs for certain transmission projects through its MISO tracker.

Wholesale power marketing activities may add volatility to earnings.

Vectren's regulated electric utility engages in wholesale power marketing activities that primarily involve asset optimization strategies. These optimization strategies primarily involve the offering of utility-owned or contracted generation into the MISO hourly and real time markets. As part of these strategies, the Company may also execute energy contracts that are integrated with portfolio requirements around power supply and delivery. Margin earned from these activities above or below \$10.5 million is shared evenly with customers. These earnings from wholesale marketing activities may vary based on fluctuating prices for electricity and the amount of electric generating capacity or purchased power available, beyond that needed to meet firm service requirements.

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If Vectren does not accurately forecast future commodities prices or if its hedging procedures do not operate as planned in certain nonutility businesses, the Company's net income could be reduced or the Company may experience losses.

The operations of ProLiance, as well as the Company's nonutility gas retail supply and coal mining businesses, execute forward and option contracts that commit them to purchase and sell natural gas and coal in the future, including forward contracts to purchase commodities to fulfill forecasted sales transactions that may or may not occur. If the value of these contracts changes in a direction or manner that is not anticipated, or if the forecasted sales transactions do not occur, Vectren may experience losses.

To lower the financial exposure related to commodity price fluctuations, these nonutility businesses may execute contracts that hedge the value of commodity price risk. As part of this strategy, Vectren may utilize fixed-price forward physical purchase and sales contracts, and/or financial forwards, futures, swaps and option contracts traded in the over-the-counter markets or on exchanges. However, although almost all natural gas and coal positions are hedged, either with these contracts or with Vectren's owned coal inventory and known reserves, Vectren does not hedge its entire exposure or its positions to market price volatility. To the extent Vectren's forecasts of future commodities prices are inaccurate, its hedging procedures do not work as planned, its coal reserves cannot be accessed or it has unhedged positions, fluctuating commodity prices are likely to cause the Company's net income to be volatile and may lower its net income.

The performance of Vectren's nonutility businesses are also subject to certain risks.

Execution of gas marketing strategies by ProLiance and the Company's nonutility gas retail supply operations as well as the execution of the Company's coal mining and energy infrastructure services strategies, and the success of efforts to invest in and develop new opportunities in the nonutility business area is subject to a number of risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, the effects of weather; failure of installed performance contracting products to operate as planned; failure to properly estimate the cost to construct projects; storage field and mining property development; increased coal mining industry regulation; potential legislation that may limit CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases emissions; creditworthiness of customers and joint venture partners; factors associated with physical energy trading activities, including price, basis, credit, liquidity, volatility, capacity, and interest rate risks; changes in federal, state or local legal requirements, such as changes in tax laws or rates; and changing market conditions.

Vectren's nonutility businesses support its regulated utilities pursuant to service contracts by providing natural gas supply services, coal, and energy infrastructure services. In most instances, Vectren's ability to maintain these service contracts depends upon regulatory discretion and negotiation with interveners, and there can be no assurance that it will be able to obtain future service contracts, or that existing arrangements will not be revisited.

Vectren has significant synfuel tax credits subject to IRS audit

The Company has an 8.3 percent ownership interest in Pace Carbon Synfuels, LP (Pace Carbon). Pace Carbon produced and sold coal-based synthetic fuel using Covol technology and, according to US tax law, its members received a tax credit for every ton of coal-based synthetic fuel sold. Under current tax laws, synfuel related tax credits and fees ended on December 31, 2007. The Internal Revenue Service has issued private letter rulings which concluded that the synthetic fuel produced at the Pace Carbon facilities should qualify for tax credits. The IRS has completed tax audits of Pace Carbon for the years 1998 through 2001 without challenging tax credit calculations. Generally, the statute of limitations for the IRS to audit a tax return is three years from filing. Therefore tax credits utilized in 2004 – 2007 are still subject to IRS examination. However, avenues remain where the IRS could challenge tax credits of pre-2004 years.



As a partner of Pace Carbon, Vectren has reflected synfuel tax credits in its consolidated results from inception through December 31, 2007 of approximately \$99 million, of which approximately \$60 million have been generated since 2003. To date, Vectren has been in a position to utilize or carryforward substantially all of the credits generated.

Vectren's nonutility group competes with larger, full-service energy providers, which may limit its ability to grow its business.

Competitors for Vectren's nonutility businesses include regional, national and global companies. Many of Vectren's competitors are well-established and have larger and more developed networks and systems, greater name recognition, longer operating histories and significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources. This competition, and the addition of any new competitors, could negatively impact the financial performance of the nonutility group and the Company's ability to grow its nonutility businesses.

Catastrophic events could adversely affect Vectren's facilities and operations.

Catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, explosions, floods, tornados, terrorist acts or other similar occurrences could adversely affect Vectren's facilities, operations, financial condition and results of operations.

Workforce risks could affect Vectren's financial results.

The Company is subject to various workforce risks, including but not limited to, the risk that it will be unable to attract and retain qualified personnel; that it will be unable to effectively transfer the knowledge and expertise of an aging workforce to new personnel as those workers retire; and that it will be unable to reach collective bargaining arrangements with the unions that represent certain of its workers, which could result in work stoppages.

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A downgrade (or negative outlook) in or withdrawal of Vectren's credit ratings, or the credit ratings of bond insurers that insure certain long-term debt of SIGECO, could negatively affect its ability to access capital and its cost.

The following table shows the current ratings assigned to certain outstanding debt by Moody's and Standard & Poor's:

	Current Rating	
	Moody's	Standard & Poor's
Utility Holdings and Indiana Gas senior unsecured debt	Baa1	A-
Utility Holdings commercial paper program	P-2	A-2
SIGECO's senior secured debt	A-3	A

The current outlook of both Standard and Poor's and Moody's is stable and both categorize the ratings of the above securities as investment grade. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold securities. The rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time, and each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. Standard and Poor's and Moody's lowest level investment grade rating is BBB- and Baa3, respectively.

Vectren may be required to obtain additional permanent financing (1) to fund its capital expenditures, investments and debt security redemptions and maturities and (2) to further strengthen its capital structure and the capital structures of its subsidiaries. If the rating agencies downgrade the Company's credit ratings, particularly below investment grade, or initiate negative outlooks thereon, or withdraw Vectren's ratings or, in each case, the ratings of its subsidiaries, it may significantly limit Vectren's access to the debt capital markets and the commercial paper market, and the Company's borrowing costs would increase. In addition, Vectren would likely be required to pay a higher interest rate in future financings, and its potential pool of investors and funding sources would likely decrease. Finally, there is no assurance that the Company will have access to the equity capital markets to obtain financing when necessary or desirable.

SIGECO has approximately \$103 million of tax-exempt adjustable rate long-term debt where the interest rates on this debt are reset every seven days through an auction process. In February 2008, significant disruptions occurred in the overall auction rate debt markets. As a result, many auctions of tax-exempt debt, including some of those involving SIGECO's auction rate debt, failed as a result of insufficient order interest from potential investors. These failures are largely attributable to a lack of liquidity in the market place arising from downgrades in, and negative watches regarding, credit ratings of monoline insurers that guarantee the timely repayment of bond principal and interest if an issuer defaults, as well as from disruptions in the overall financial markets. Monoline insurer Ambac Assurance Corporation insures the Company's auction rate long-term debt. As a result of these failed auctions, interest rates associated with these instruments reset to the maximum rates permitted under the various debt indentures of 10 percent to 15 percent for the following week. On a weekly basis, interest expense using these maximum rates is approximately \$200,000 higher than the average weekly interest expense based on rates experienced during 2007.

Subject to applicable notice provisions, SIGECO may, at its option, redeem this auction rate debt at par value plus the accrued and unpaid interest or elect to utilize other interest rate modes available to it as defined in the various debt indentures. SIGECO is in the process of providing notice to current holders of this debt that it will be converted from the auction rate mode into a daily interest rate mode during March 2008 and the debt will be subject to mandatory tender for purchase on the conversion date at 100 percent of the principal amount plus accrued interest. While the Company completes its conversion from the current auction rate mode to the daily interest rate mode, it may continue to experience increased interest costs. Following conversion to the daily mode, SIGECO maintains its options to again convert the debt to other interest rate modes and remarket it to investors or redeem the debt and reissue new debt, including the possibility of replacing it with taxable debt from Utility Holdings.



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Anti-takeover provisions in Vectren's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as well as Vectren's shareholders rights plan and certain provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law could delay or prevent a change in control that might be beneficial to the interests of the Company's stockholders.

Provisions in Vectren's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as well as Vectren's shareholders rights plan and certain provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the IBCL) may make it more difficult and expensive for a third party to acquire control of the Company even if a change of control would be beneficial to the interests of its shareholders. For example, Vectren's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws prohibit its shareholders from calling a special meeting, require advance notice for proposals by shareholders and nominations, and prevent the removal of Vectren's directors by its shareholders other than for cause and with the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80 percent of the voting power of all the shares entitled to vote in the election of directors. In addition, the Vectren board has adopted a shareholder rights agreement designed to deter certain takeover tactics that may discourage potential takeover attempts. The IBCL also limits certain business combination transactions between Vectren and any person who acquires 10 percent or more of the Company's common shares (an "interested shareholder") without its board's approval or, in certain cases, the approval of holders of a majority of Vectren's shares not owned by such interested shareholder. The IBCL may also cause a shareholder acquiring shares of the Company's common stock beyond specified thresholds to lose the right to vote those shares unless a majority of disinterested common shares approves the exercise of such voting rights. The foregoing may adversely affect the market price of Vectren's common stock by discouraging potential takeover attempts that the Company's stockholders may favor.

### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

#### Gas Utility Services

Indiana Gas owns and operates four active gas storage fields located in Indiana covering 58,130 acres of land with an estimated ready delivery from storage capability of 5.6 BCF of gas with maximum peak day delivery capabilities of 145,000 MCF per day. Indiana Gas also owns and operates three liquefied petroleum (propane) air-gas manufacturing plants located in Indiana with the ability to store 1.5 million gallons of propane and manufacture for delivery 33,000 MCF of manufactured gas per day. In addition to its company owned storage and propane capabilities, Indiana Gas has contracted for 17.9 BCF of storage with a maximum peak day delivery capability of 298,579 MMBTU per day. Indiana Gas' gas delivery system includes 12,699 miles of distribution and transmission mains, all of which are in Indiana except for pipeline facilities extending from points in northern Kentucky to points in southern Indiana so that gas may be transported to Indiana and sold or transported by Indiana Gas to ultimate customers in Indiana.

SIGECO owns and operates three underground gas storage fields located in Indiana covering 6,070 acres of land with an estimated ready delivery from storage capability of 6.3 BCF of gas with maximum peak day delivery capabilities of 108,500 MCF per day. In addition to its company owned storage delivery capabilities, SIGECO has contracted for 0.5 BCF of storage with a maximum peak day delivery capability of 19,166 MMBTU per day. SIGECO's gas delivery system includes 3,192 miles of distribution and transmission mains, all of which are located in Indiana.

The Ohio operations own and operate three liquefied petroleum (propane) air-gas manufacturing plants, all of which are located in Ohio. The plants can store 0.5 million gallons of propane, and the plants can manufacture for delivery 52,187 MCF of manufactured gas per day. In addition to its propane delivery capabilities, the Ohio operations have contracted for 11.8 BCF of storage with a maximum peak day delivery capability of 246,080 MMBTU per day. The Ohio operations' gas delivery system includes 5,468 miles of distribution and transmission mains, all of which are located in Ohio.



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Electric Utility Services

SIGECO's installed generating capacity as of December 31, 2007, was rated at 1,295 MW. SIGECO's coal-fired generating facilities are the Brown Station with two units of 490 MW of combined capacity, located in Posey County approximately eight miles east of Mt. Vernon, Indiana; the Culley Station with two units of 360 MW of combined capacity, and Warrick Unit 4 with 150 MW of capacity. Both the Culley and Warrick Stations are located in Warrick County near Yankeetown, Indiana. SIGECO's gas-fired turbine peaking units are: two 80 MW gas turbines (Brown Unit 3 and Brown Unit 4) located at the Brown Station; two Broadway Avenue Gas Turbines located in Evansville, Indiana with a combined capacity of 115 MW (Broadway Avenue Unit 1, 50 MW and Broadway Avenue Unit 2, 65 MW); and two Northeast Gas Turbines located northeast of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana with a combined capacity of 20 MW. The Brown Unit 3 and Broadway Avenue Unit 2 turbines are also equipped to burn oil. Total capacity of SIGECO's six gas turbines is 295 MW, and they are generally used only for reserve, peaking, or emergency purposes due to the higher per unit cost of generation.

SIGECO's transmission system consists of 926 circuit miles of 138,000 and 69,000 volt lines. The transmission system also includes 31 substations with an installed capacity of 5,457 megavolt amperes (Mva). The electric distribution system includes 4,211 pole miles of lower voltage overhead lines and 340 trench miles of conduit containing 1,878 miles of underground distribution cable. The distribution system also includes 98 distribution substations with an installed capacity of 3,002 Mva and 53,456 distribution transformers with an installed capacity of 2,497 Mva.

SIGECO owns utility property outside of Indiana approximating nine miles of 138,000 volt electric transmission line which is located in Kentucky and which interconnects with Louisville Gas and Electric Company's transmission system at Cloverport, Kentucky.

Nonutility Properties

Subsidiaries other than the utility operations have no significant properties other than the ownership and operation of coal mining property in Indiana. The assets of the coal mining operations comprise approximately 5 percent of total assets. The assets of Miller comprise approximately 3 percent of total assets.

Property Serving as Collateral

SIGECO's properties are subject to the lien of the First Mortgage Indenture dated as of April 1, 1932, between SIGECO and Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, and Deutsche Bank, as successor Trustee, as supplemented by various supplemental indentures.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is party to various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, there are no legal proceedings pending against the Company that are likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. See the notes to the consolidated financial statements regarding commitments and contingencies, environmental matters, rate and regulatory matters. The consolidated financial statements are included in "Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted during the fourth quarter to a vote of security holders.



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## PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR COMPANY'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

## Market Data, Dividends Paid, and Holders of Record

The Company's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "VVC." For each quarter in 2007 and 2006, the high and low sales prices for the Company's common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange and dividends paid are presented below.

	Cash Dividend	Common Stock Price Range	
		High	Low
2007			
First Quarter	\$ 0.315	\$ 28.80	\$ 27.32
Second Quarter	0.315	30.06	