

SMITH MICHAEL L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SMITH MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE VECTREN SQUARE, P. O.  
 BOX 209

(Street)

EVANSVILLE, IN 47708

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 VECTREN CORP [VVC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------|
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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Phantom<br>Stock | \$ 0                               | 05/01/2012       |            |   | M    |   | 1,805 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,805                                  |
| Phantom<br>Stock | \$ 0                               | 05/01/2012       |            |   | A    |   | 1,805 |     | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,805                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH MICHAEL L<br>ONE VECTREN SQUARE<br>P. O. BOX 209<br>EVANSVILLE, IN 47708 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Ronald E.  
Christian

05/03/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The stock unit award was granted pursuant to the Vectren Corporation At Risk Compensation Plan ("Plan") and is subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Plan. The lifting of restrictions and forfeitability provisions are dependent upon continued service by the board member until May 1, 2012. Upon lifting of restrictions, Grantee shall be paid for each Stock Unit Award in cash, the Fair

(1) Market Value of one share of common stock on the date restrictions lapse, provided Grantee is in compliance with share ownership guidelines established by the board of directors. If Grantee is not in compliance with share ownership guidelines, the value of each Stock Unit Award shall be paid in unrestricted Vectren common stock. The board of directors approved the acquisition in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(2) Each share of the phantom stock was the economic equivalent of one share of VVC common stock.

Phantom stock units held under the non-qualified deferred compensation plan will effectively be exercised at the time amounts represented by those units are paid out under the Plan. Generally, unless provided otherwise by the participant, the payout begins with the end of the board member's service as a member of the board. Pursuant to the non-qualified deferred compensation plan, payouts can occur for up to 15 years. Amounts held in the phantom stock accounts would be amortized over that period unless directed otherwise by the participant.

(4) The reporting person elected to defer the stock unit award to the phantom stock account of the Vectren Corporation Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Each share of the phantom stock was the economic equivalent of one share of VVC common stock.

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