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natural gas facility in Posey County and solar generation stations.

"The Vectren staff did a great job of really exploring what was the best solution relative to the generation mix. We continue to be very supportive of what is being pushed through the process right now. We will collectively own where that is in the process and drive that forward," Prochazka said.

During its most recent IRP process, in 2016, environmental groups encouraged Vectren to advance the use of renewable energy sources.

"We are very committed to ensuring that we continue to look at solar and all forms of renewable energy as a balanced part of our energy mix," Hedde said. "We still need that baseload 24/7 operation to meet our customer needs at peak demand times. But we understand there is still a place for solar, just like there is still a place for coal and natural gas, as well."

### Community involvement to continue

Vectren will remain involved in local philanthropy, executives said. The company foundation recently committed \$5.5 million to an affordable housing endeavor in Evansville's Jacobsville neighborhood.

"We are committed to engagement in our communities," Prochazka said. "I know Vectren is very proud and involved in their communities. We will absolutely continue that. We have made a commitment to contribute about \$15

million over a five-year period (to the Vectren Foundation), which can then be used for local development and charitable causes."

Prochazka said Vectren will remain committed to being a good place to work.

"We take a lot of pride in establishing a culture where employees are empowered to do their work and are trained to be successful," he said. "We create an environment where employees and leaders are encouraged to collaborate at crunch time and take on difficult issues."

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