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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).

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Comments entered:

My name is Jackie Quinn Palmer. I am a retired Food Scientist, and I have lived in Bucks County, PA for 33 years. My husband, our two adult sons and I appreciate the importance of implementing RGGI to help decrease carbon dioxide emissions.

At this point, it has become clear that the dangers of current Carbon Dioxide emissions are severe enough that controls must begin, immediately, if we are to avoid the gravest possible outcomes of global warming and climate change.

If not, our state will experience more extreme weather events such as heat waves, droughts, rainstorms, and blizzards.

I have tried to understand the positives and negatives of this program and I have concluded that this is the next best step in moving forward to lower carbon dioxide levels. While ultimately, I feel all Pennsylvanians will benefit, some communities have concerns over effects on jobs. The Natural Resources Defense Council has reported* that thousands of new jobs have resulted after implementing RGGI in states which have already joined. Gov. Wolf has said that some of the proceeds of RGGI could be used to help communities in need. Legislators can advocate for shares of the RGGI proceeds to go directly into these communities to help those constituents who need help during this transition. I would hope that some workers in these communities could be trained for new jobs created as the majority of RGGI proceeds are planned to be are invested in clean energy and renewables.

With the expected lowering of the demand in fossil fuel-based electricity, the amount of carbon dioxide pollution is reduced. Also, there is the potential for improved air quality which will help many of those people who are most effected by additional pollutants such as Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides, and other particulates. We now all know: These pollutants have been linked to serious health problems such as heart disease, cancer, mental illness and respiratory illness. I have recently learned from a young doctor who has been treating asthmatic patients who are children. Simply put~ children who are smaller, breath more often.... and the amount of the pollutant has a greater effect on their small bodies.

I feel fortunate that here in Pennsylvania, our constitution recognizes clean air, pure water and preservation of the environment as a basic right. You, as members

of this board, have the unique opportunity to move RGGI forward to help defend this constitutional right. I ask you to help take this next step to help avoid the worst of expected global warming on our climate, environment, and our health.

Again, Thank you very much for your time today.

*9/14/2020 NRDC " RGGI's Record Of Success, And What PA Stands to Gain "Mark Szybist

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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