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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).

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

My name is Kelly Finan and I live in Hop Bottom, PA.

Climate change is one of the greatest threats that we see as a nation and as a planet. Here in northeastern Pennsylvania, we're already seeing the effects of climate change in the form of more dramatic weather, more flooding, and the arrival of more southern species like the deer tick which spreads Lyme Disease.

I implore you to support the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which has been successful in many states. Like many Pennsylvanians, I am willing to pay a modest increase in energy costs in order to reduce the amount of carbon that is entering the atmosphere to the detriment of future generations.

Pennsylvania is the largest net exporter of electricity in the United States and its electric power

sector is currently the fifth dirtiest in the nation. A DEP study shows that RGGI will lead to a net increase of more than 27,000 jobs and add \$1.9 billion to the state's economy. Expert analysis conducted for DEP estimates that Pennsylvania's carbon pollution will be cut 21%, or 188 million tons, from 2022 to 2030. It's time for us to set an example for other Rust Belt states as a leader in reducing carbon emissions while making a long-term investment in our communities.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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