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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:

Hello, my name is Mark Knight. I am 62 years old and live in Saint Davids, which is in Delaware County.

I grew up in Chester County and went to The Haverford School and the University of Vermont.

I love the woods, mountains, streams, and lakes – especially in Pennsylvania’s Pike and Monroe Counties and in and around Center Sandwich, New Hampshire.

When I was 28, I became a quadriplegic after a bodysurfing accident in California.

My breathing is now compromised.

There are scores of other people in our region and throughout the United States who also have

respiratory issues.

I am testifying here today to protect the quality of the air we all breathe, and declare:

“Pennsylvania must join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)”

As one of the largest climate polluters in the country, Pennsylvania’s joining would have an enormous impact on the reduction of carbon emissions into our skies.

By joining RGGI we can reduce harmful air pollution that affects everyone’s health, especially the health of the more vulnerable, like me.

RGGI would promote reducing the emissions of Sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and particulate matter that have been linked to a multitude of health problems.

To end, there are also many economic benefits to joining RGGI. According to Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection the initiative is projected to create 27,000 new jobs in Pennsylvania and put nearly \$2 billion into the state’s economy over the next decade alone.

Pennsylvania must live up to its name as the “Keystone State” and join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) along with the states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and soon to be joining Virginia and recognize greenhouse gases don’t stop at the border.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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