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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:

Good Afternoon, my name is Susan Price- I am testifying today as an individual PA resident in support of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. My husband and I along with our 6 children, and their families are all lifelong PA residents and we appreciate the states goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to protect the environment of our beautiful state. I believe we can't ignore the fact that climate disrupting pollution has become an urgent problem, in the interest of the public health and welfare, in the interest of our families; I believe it is vital that we reduce the carbon dioxide emissions from the power sector. To that end dirty energy sources need to be held accountable for their impact on our health and safety, and the irreversible impact they have on our environment.

Pennsylvania needs to adopt a clean energy economy; the first step in shifting to clean energy is to preserve our reliable, clean sources like nuclear power. Pennsylvania's nuclear power supply is currently threatened by economic factors that favor other clean energy sources, and provide

no significant economic disadvantage to high carbon emitters. A little over a year ago the nuclear power plant where my husband and I had been employed for a combined 70 years was forced to shutdown, due to Pennsylvanias inconsistent policies. The plant provided more than 40 years of constant, low-carbon power to the region. And over the last 20 years it displaced about 100 million metric tons of carbon-but the efficient power it supplied was replaced by carbon emitting fossil fuels. RGGI will help level the playing field that allowed this to happen. The resulting shift toward cleaner, more reliable energy wont just help our health and environment, but it will facilitate thousands of good paying jobs and support our economy
A stable electrical grid, fed by clean energy sources should be our goal, a goal that RGGI clearly supports. I recognize that there will be an adverse impact on the states already shrinking coal industry, but we cannot sacrifice the future of our children and grandchildren to support the coal industry.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support this decision making as I believe that it is clearly in the best interest of PA residents. It will lower carbon emissions, demonstrate improvement in our health and have environmental and economic benefits.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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