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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:

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter as a power plant employee. I have worked in this industry for the better part of 12 years and while our industry has taken countless criticism about being unclean I have witnessed the hours and money spent to keep up with these new green initiatives every year. I take great pride in keeping these plants running and maintaining them to the highest degree. The plants in Western PA serve a big part of the north eastern US. Without these plants the cost of power will skyrocket and there simply is not a good green solution to replace them. Simple math says that anywhere between 120-175 windmills would be needed to replace a single generating unit.....most of our local plants house 2 to 3 units. So in essence you could need anywhere from 240-350 windmills to replace 1 coal plant. That math is staggering...add in the cost of building 1 windmill which is approximately \$1.3 million and the math gets even more astonishing.

Secondly I am a father with 2 young girls in a ur local schools. The changes in the gas industry over the last few years is already hit our schools and communities hard and if these plants close it will make it even worse. So many jobs left this area when the gas industry dried up that countless houses went up for sale and schools lost even more funding. I fear that if these plants close and along with them all these support industries that even more of the people in our

communities will be forced to leave. I was born and raised in western pa and I would love for my family to stay here but if the industries that we work in and love set up we might be forced to move as well.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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