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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:

Dear Environmental Quality Control Board Representatives:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Millville Friends Meeting (Quakers) of Millville, PA. As concerned citizens who value stewardship of the earth, we join with the Lewisburg Meeting, whose letter of support you have already received, in strongly supporting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's agreeing to abide by the standards and programs of RGGI.

Pennsylvania's electricity-generating units (EGUs) rank 4th highest among CO2-emitting EGUs in our country, as your Board has stated. The serious problems resulting from CO2 and other greenhouse gases are shared by all, and this global challenge requires regional cooperation. Currently RGGI involves ten northeastern states in a joint effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using a proven market-based program. The Millville Quaker Meeting respectfully and mindfully requests that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania join these states in this important effort by agreeing to abide by RGGI's emission standards and programs.

One of the testimonies of Quakerism (Religious Society of Friends) is stewardship: care for the earth and its inhabitants. Quakers strive to use God's gifts wisely, with 'gifts' conceived in the broadest of terms. These gifts include our natural environment. We believe that such gifts are not ours alone. For Quakers, good stewardship means taking care of what has been given, not

just for ourselves, but for the people around us and for future generations as well. Joining the RGGI effort aligns with these beliefs. Millville Friends Meeting hereby registers its strong support for this important endeavor.

We are aware of legislative efforts to prevent the Commonwealth's agreeing to use RGGI standards and programs, and of legal questions about the legislature's role in this matter. We will work to secure our state legislators' support for Pennsylvania's joining in the RGGI effort.

Sincerely,

Jen Hunsinger, Clerk of the Meeting, Millville Monthly Meeting

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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