



Via electronic submission to laurgriffi@pa.gov

To: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
From: Brendon Baatz, ChargeVC-PA
Date: January 14, 2021
RE: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Proposed Rulemaking Stakeholder Comments

ChargeVC-PA is a not-for-profit business association coalition made up of a unique group of interests. ChargeVC-PA works to accelerate electric vehicle (EV) market growth in Pennsylvania and beyond through ground-breaking analysis and consensus building among its diverse membership that inform its policy and program development, advocacy, and support. ChargeVC-PA was formed in late 2020 and is based on our success with a similar organization in New Jersey that has demonstrated success in driving EV market growth.

ChargeVC intends to conduct state specific research and analysis to inform our program and policy advocacy, engage with stakeholders, and play an active role in regulatory and legislative discussions to communicate the benefits of electrification of the transportation sector for Pennsylvania in driving economic activity and reducing carbon and other health impacting emissions.

The comments submitted on behalf of ChargeVC-PA members voice support for Pennsylvania's commitment in rejoining RGGI. Additionally, ChargeVC-PA is supportive of investing RGGI proceeds towards clean transportation initiatives, bringing meaningful emissions reductions along with economic development and growth to Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania ranks fourth among all states in CO₂ emissions from electricity generation in the country. The Commonwealth's participation in RGGI will be a welcome step forward in achieving the state's clean energy goals to reduce net GHG emissions from 2005 levels by 26% by 2025 and 80% by 2050. Bringing RGGI to Pennsylvania could cut carbon emissions by more than 180 million tons, which is equivalent to taking 4 million cars off the road for one year.

As funding allocation discussions continue, the state should consider allocating significant revenue towards electrifying the transportation sector. In Pennsylvania, almost a quarter of carbon emissions come from the transportation sector. In order to reduce these emissions in a meaningful way, we must invest in electrification of this sector by electrifying light, medium, and heavy-duty privately-owned and fleet vehicles, transit and school buses, and increasing opportunities for micro mobility transportation.

ChargeVC-PA appreciates the opportunity to provide comment and we look forward to continuing our engagement on Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendon Baatz". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

Brendon Baatz
ChargeVC-PA