



January 14, 2021

The Honorable Patrick McDonnell
Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**RE: Cree Lighting's Support for Proposed Rulemaking on CO₂ Budget Trading Program
(50 Pa.B. 6212)**

Dear Secretary McDonnell:

I am writing on behalf of Cree Lighting to recommend that the Department support the proposed rulemaking to bring Pennsylvania into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Cree Lighting is an LED lighting pioneer known for being first to bring LED lighting to the masses, deliver warm white light without compromise and first to offer a sensor-integrated intelligent lighting platform. Our innovative LED solutions are designed for indoor, outdoor and intelligent lighting applications and our cutting-edge technology delivers reliable performance and value beyond light for office and industrial buildings, schools and universities, municipalities, automotive dealerships, healthcare facilities, and more. Our company has over 1,500 employees and is an example of the job creation potential of sustainable technology. We have customers in Pennsylvania and across the RGGI states who are benefiting from reliable LED solutions.

We believe sustainable solutions are available now and RGGI will provide an opportunity for Pennsylvanians to realize the full benefits of these solutions. There is an increasing demand for carbon-free and sustainable energy and we are in an unprecedented era of technological advancements. By joining RGGI, Pennsylvania stands to benefit from the proceeds from RGGI's market-based cap and trade program, which can be invested in these innovative solutions.

To date, the eleven states that are already a part of RGGI have raised nearly \$3.8 billion for investment in clean energy and other state priorities. RGGI has more than a decade-long history of success. Since 2008, the states participating in RGGI successfully cut power-sector emissions in half, reduced electricity prices, and outpaced the nation in economic growth—all while creating \$4 billion in net economic gains and nearly 50,000 job-years of employment.

By joining RGGI, Pennsylvania can share in these benefits and invest in local jobs as companies transition towards innovative, low carbon solutions. The majority of RGGI states currently invest

their proceeds into energy efficiency, which has led to customer savings on their energy bills. These savings have the potential to be reinvested back into the business, which helps create jobs and investment in the region.

Cree Lighting encourages the Department to finalize its proposed rule on RGGI and allow the state to benefit from this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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