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Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Control Board:

We are writing you to express our concerns regarding Pennsylvania joining the RGGI under the direction of Governor Tom Wolfe. We are life long residents of Indiana County. I am a retired school teacher and my husband retired from the Homer City Generating Station after over 35 years of service.

Joining RGGI would force many electric generating plants to close including three in our area - Homer City, Conemaugh and Keystone stations. These closures would result in the loss of 100's of well-paying power plant jobs and the trickle down effect would include coal miners, truck drivers and a variety of other industrial jobs servicing the power plant. The economic repercussions would be devastating including the loss of tax revenue to local school districts, already struggling to finance public education.

We are a society that needs electricity to survive and maintain our increasingly complex life style and losing our local power plants would decrease our state's supply forcing consumers to purchase higher priced electricity from neighboring states.

At a time when the economy state wide is suffering from the effects of CO-VD and business limitations and closures adding more closures would have dire consequences for all of us. Many of our residents already have difficulty paying utilities and everyday living expenses and higher rates would add to their burden. The closings would also increase the unemployment rate when many have

already lost jobs due to CO VD and business closings.

Recently there was a cartoon in the local paper showing electric cars hooked to charging ports with the charging ports connected to a closed power plant. - makes you think doesn't it? No power plants = no electricity. Windmills will certainly never provide our state with enough electricity to maintain our current demands and meet the every increasing needs.

We agree with our recently reelected State leaders Jim Struzzi and Joe Pittman and our commissioners Robin Gorman and Mike Keith, RGGI is bad for Indiana County and bad for the state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Vince Barbi

Cindy Barbi