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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:

PA should join RGGI for the simple fact that it will create hundreds, if not thousands of jobs through the revenue received from the auctioning of permits. The Commonwealth stands to make up to \$100M per year by some estimates. This would be reinvested in tax breaks for homeowners updating insulation, installing renewable energy and provided nature based solutions for their land to reduce flooding and erosion.

Then, if the lawmakers actually care, it will reduce CO2 emissions that kill 100,000 people per year across the world. Natural gas powerstations over 25MW would be less impacted than coal powerstations. Coal is a 19th century technology that is dying economically while causing deaths and disease across our great state. If anything NG powerstations would benefit in the next 20-30 years due to less competition while larger solar and wind power would take years to develop.

Revenue generated could also be reinvested in job training and education for those immediately impacted directly or indirectly.

This is a win for 99% of the state and lawmakers who refuse to see this are acting with complete and utter negligence of science, economics, and business. I wrote my Master dissertation (attached) on this subject 7 years ago, much of which still holds up.

These links provide access to the attachments provided as part of this comment.

Comments Attachment: Dissertation - GROTE 9-13 - Final.docx

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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