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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:

We support Gov. Tom Wolf's proposal to have Pennsylvania join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

We recently installed solar panels on our house through the Indiana County Solar Co-op. The installation was done by Groundhog Solar of Altoona, a very reputable company owned by Richard Flarend. The 4 person crew worked on our installation for at least three days. Those jobs, we assume, are well above minimum wage and will be secure work for those installers for years to come.

It has been exciting to sit on our deck and look up at those solar panels and realize that we are doing a small part to combat climate change. We have 7 grandchildren and like to tell people that they are the reason we did this. A livable world is not guaranteed to them if action is not taken by citizens, industry, and government. We must move away from our dependence on fossil fuels and embrace the development and use of new energy technologies which do not harm the atmosphere. Life as we know it could disappear for future generations.

We both come from many generations of coal miners. Our ancestors left Scotland and Germany to work the mines of western Pennsylvania. George is a Penn State grad and was employed as a mining engineer. Now we, the coal miner and the coal miner's daughter, drive hybrid

automobiles and have moved into the new energy future. We encourage the legislators and decision makers to again make Pennsylvania a leader in energy production. We have the workers that can be retrained to do this work. We need leaders to chart the course and take us into a clean energy world. Let's look to the future and not dwell in the past. May Pennsylvania become a leader in clean energy production, and may Gov. Tom Wolf's proposal to have Pennsylvania join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative be a beginning step in this process.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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