



Testimony for CO2 Budget Trading Program Regulation

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- My name is Tom DePonty, Director of Government Affairs for Framatome Inc.
- Framatome is a nuclear energy company focused on servicing and fueling today's U.S. and Canadian nuclear fleet. We have operations here in Cranberry Township and a proud history supplying the nuclear fleet in Pennsylvania.
- Framatome supports the Department of Environmental Protection's proposal to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as it will better recognize the role of Pennsylvania's nuclear power plants as part of a portfolio of technologies that can meet the Commonwealth's energy needs.
- Promptly joining RGGI by 2022 will allow long term planning, preserve the vital nuclear power capacity in Pennsylvania, and maintain the tremendous economic benefit that nuclear power delivers to the Commonwealth.
- As a supplier, Pennsylvania is very important to Framatome. Over the course of our company's history, we have been a reliable partner for the state's nuclear fleet, with a long history of proven performance.
- Since 1983, Framatome has supplied every fuel reload for the Susquehanna nuclear plant in Berwick, PA, which to-date is more than 10,500 fuel assemblies.
- This evening I wanted to take a few moments to talk to you about an area Framatome specializes in and what that work means for local communities.
- Framatome provides on-site services for nuclear plant operators, including reactor maintenance and modernizations, component repair and replacement, and refueling. We design and manufacture fuel assemblies for the existing and next generation of nuclear reactors. In other words, we specialize in outage work at nuclear plants.
- Support for these plants is an investment in people and skill-sets. Many of the outage workers come from local communities and union halls. As much as possible, these workers have specific experience working at plants like Beaver Valley or Susquehanna in order to achieve high levels of performance, quality, and safety.
- During an outage, Framatome uses a mix of our highly trained employees with local workers. Our employees rent hotel rooms, eat at local restaurants, and make other purchases thereby contributing to the local and state tax bases. In addition, we use local machine shops to purchase some parts and supplies in support of our work.

- And, we do this every 18-24 months.
- I'm proud to say that every dollar spent by our employees and contractors in restaurants, hotels, and local businesses supports schools, police and fire departments, and regional producers in Pennsylvania.
- Unfortunately, when plants shut down early, the economic impact goes away as well. As a supplier we have seen this first hand throughout the U.S. the past few years and up close as the Original Equipment Manufacturer for the Three Mile Island Generating Station.
- This is why Framatome supports the proposal to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and fully recognize the benefits provided by Pennsylvania's carbon free nuclear power plants.
- Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this evening.