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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:

- My name is Jim Wylie. I live in West Chester, Chester County. I am 62 years old. I am a PECO customer. I would like to speak in support of RGGI today.

- Urgent action is needed to avoid the worst predictions of climate impacts, including threats to human health and housing. Especially for those not equipped to move or adapt their living conditions. Many have recognized this for decades. There have been calls for putting a price on carbon for at least that long. Many countries, regions and states have done so, and now there is clear data that shows that it works.

- 35 communities in Pennsylvania have set goals to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2035. 50% of PECO customers live in towns that have set 100% renewable energy goals. Setting an escalating price on carbon emissions will help us reach that goal by inspiring more renewable solutions for us to choose from. The demand for renewable energy is here. More

supply is needed.

- Green the grid, then electrify our transportation and heating – has been the formulaic plan. Electric vehicle technology is set to explode. If we do not make strong commitments to reduce and eventually eliminate the carbon emissions from the electricity sector, the trend to EVs will not be nearly as effective as it could be.
- Setting statewide goals for emissions reduction is important, and
- Establishing market incentives for meeting these goals is essential.
- It sets expectations for all stakeholders that there is a long term plan and that those that plan accordingly will benefit. Setting expectations and energy market stability is the major point I want to make.
- Cap prices should be used to motivate the market to achieve even more reductions. The RGGI cap was adjusted in 2014 and the electricity market responded with even lower emissions. The price never hitting the cap.
- Our neighboring states that are RGGI members have enjoyed: investments in energy efficiency programs, lower overall electricity prices, and a commitment by electricity providers in new renewable energy. Pennsylvania should not be left behind.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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