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RGGI would impose a carbon tax on electricity production, raising energy bills for consumers and making the state's energy industry less competitive with neighboring states.

The concept is capricious adding unneeded regulation to the vast burden that exists. If the existing regulations had been enforced older plants mostly coal would have been retired long ago. RGGI is just another life line to keep antiquated plants online. Let the market work without added interference. If we had electricity would be supplied with newer gas combined cycle plants at or near 60% efficient replacing 30% efficient coal plants and renewables. If you want to enhance the economics of renewables subsidize them and don't make absurd constructs like RGGI

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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