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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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RGGI is based on junk science. Carbon dioxide is not the largest source of global warming. Solar flare activity and volcanic eruptions are the largest reason for global warming and cooling. If you really want to reduce carbon dioxide, then you need to plant more trees. Taxing utilities with new carbon based taxes will do nothing more than steal money from the citizens of this Commonwealth, as the utilities will pass the tax onto their customers. Many people are suffering during this Covid-19 pandemic, and cannot afford more taxes with higher utility bills. Carbon dioxide levels are now lower than a year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, so there should be no need for any new carbon taxes at this point in time.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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