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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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Comments entered:

Department of Environmental Protection:

I FULLY SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO JOIN THE RGGI.

There has been much misleading rhetoric regarding Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Certain members of the General Assembly, at the behest of the hydrocarbon extraction and energy industries, continue to make spurious claims about RGGI's negative impacts on consumers. Their claims are rich. For years, the General Assembly thwarted all efforts to reduce Pennsylvania's carbon emissions (the fourth highest in the U.S.) or join RGGI. As a result, our air (and water) quality deteriorates more rapidly than in nearby states. Clean energy job creation stagnates. We lag our RGGI neighbors in market-based energy efficiencies. And the hydrocarbon/fossil fuel industry continues to stiff Pennsylvania taxpayers.

Participation in the RGGI would require coal and gas power plants to pay for their carbon pollution. Over the next decade, it is projected to create 27,000 jobs, boost Pennsylvania's economy by \$2 billion, and cut carbon pollution by one-third. Electric bills in RGGI states are expected to decline 35%; projections of rising electricity prices come straight from fossil energy lobbyists who, by the way, contribute mightily to certain legislators.

It is truly stupid to deny the reality of human-induced global warming. Think we in Pennsylvania are not impacted? Think again.

I urge the Department of Environmental Protection to finalize this proposed rule-making to allow Pennsylvania to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Thank you

Attachment: Flyer for Fourth Annual Pottstown Climate March, cancelled due to pandemic

These links provide access to the attachments provided as part of this comment.

Comments Attachment: [Climate-March-Flyer-2020.jpg](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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