

Testimony for CO2 Budget Trading Program Regulation

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Hi my name is Constance Hester. I live in Shaler Township, Allegheny County.
I also inherited another house in Rhode Island.

In Rhode Island my energy supplier is National Grid. I regularly receive help and incentives to become energy efficient. One day people from national grid came to my door to offer a solar solution that pays for itself. They actively seek out houses with perfect south facing, non-obstructed roofs facing south.

National Grid, works to serve the interests of the community, the environment and our future. Many times I have said to my husband I wish Duquesne light and PNG would be more like National Grid.

As I was reviewing RGGI information for tonight, suddenly a light bulb went on in my head! I learned RI has participated with RGGI since its inception. That's why the difference for residents is like night and day when it comes to the energy suppliers in the different states.

If you go to the national grid website for RI they have nine energy and cost saving programs for residents. If we join RGGI, residents will be able to look forward to these types of programs.
[Energy Saving Services & Rebates | National Grid \(nationalgridus.com\)](https://www.nationalgridus.com)

National Grid offers free energy audits for up to 4 unit houses.
When they are doing the audit, they also install minor energy efficient upgrades:

- 7-day programmable thermostats
- ENERGY STAR® certified LED light bulbs
- Faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads
- Advanced power strips

THEN, Based on your assessment, you may be eligible for:

- Up to \$4,000 toward the installation of approved insulation and targeted air sealing per unit
- Rebates for replacing appliances, heating, cooling and water heating systems
- No interest loans for energy upgrades up to \$25,000 over 84 months.

There is also more assistance for income eligible residents.

Pennsylvanians want homes that are healthier, more comfortable and more affordable too. We deserve no less. Pennsylvania must join RGGI.