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Dear Members Commissioners,

We need to put Pennsylvania coal miners back to work digging coal. Then put both the railroads and the truckers to work hauling that coal to markets. Allow the coal fired plants to generate electricity by burning that PA coal. Furthermore get our land grant universities such as Penn State to research how to burn the PA coal cleanly to bring the smokestack emissions under control... of course this is all just common sense so the bureaucrats are not likely to choose this course of action !

Pennsylvanians cannot afford increased energy costs and that is what entering the RGGI will mean because energy companies will pass the additional costs along to the consumer. The increase in electric bills alone will be about 18 percent. Pennsylvanians simply cannot afford this! The hardest hit will be low income families, those on fixed incomes and the elderly. Additionally, some power plants will be forced to close eliminating good paying jobs - jobs that families depend upon to survive. This is NOT a good idea and I urge you to reject Regulation #7-559 (IRRC #3274): C02 Budget Trading Program (RGGI).

Sincerely,

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