



June 9, 2014

Dr. Marion Gold
Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources
One Capital Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Commissioner Gold:

The New England Clean Energy Council (NECEC) greatly appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2014 RGGI Allocation Plan.

NECEC is a clean energy business association whose mission is to accelerate New England's clean energy economy to global leadership by building an active community of stakeholders and a world-class cluster of clean energy companies. NECEC members span the broad spectrum of the clean energy industry, including energy efficiency, demand response, renewable energy, combined heat and power, energy storage, fuel cells and advanced and "smart" technologies. Our ranks also include venture investors, major financial institutions, universities, industry associations, utilities, labor and large commercial end-users.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a key part of Rhode Island's and the Northeast Region's strategy to reduce pollution from fossil fuels and shift to clean energy. By limiting carbon pollution from power plants, requiring emitters to buy permits to pollute and investing the revenues in energy efficiency and renewable energy, RGGI has helped Rhode Island meet its environmental and energy challenges while curbing dependence on fossil fuels and saving consumers money. RGGI-funded investments are also benefiting Rhode Island economically, boosting growth by \$69 million and creating 567 jobs during the first two and a half years of operation.

NECEC commends the 2014 RGGI Allocation Plan for ensuring that the revenues from the RGGI program are invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs that will save energy, lower costs, create local jobs and reduce pollution. NECEC applauds the Plan for positioning the State and its municipalities to "Lead by Example" in the areas of energy efficiency, building efficiencies, and electric vehicles. Another strength of the Plan is its holistic approach to greenhouse gas reductions such as depicted in section 5.2.3.f that requires the combination of electric vehicles stations with renewable energy investments.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CPennock".

Charity Pennock
NECEC Rhode Island State Coordinator