ATTN: RGGI

Bioenergy is not carbon neutral and in fact contributes far more CO2 emissions than gas (about 3 times more), and more than even coal per unit of energy. Please do not treat electricity generated from burning biomass as carbon neutral. Stack emissions must be counted, as well as emissions from harvest, transport, etc which are currently the only emissions counted. It is absurd that emissions from the largest source of CO2 emissions in the state of VT, McNeil generating plant are considered "carbon neutral" contrary to all credible climate science.

There is also an enormous problem with burning trees in that we are removing the most efficient, inexpensive, proven method of absorbing CO2. Additionally, harvesting trees destroys forest biodiversity during an extinction crisis. Please correct this problem and also eliminate the size threshold for CO2 budget units.

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