

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

an Initiative of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States of the U.S.

April 29, 2016 RGGI Stakeholder Meeting: Request for Stakeholder Comment

The RGGI states welcome the possibility of additional states becoming participants in the RGGI program. The requirements for a state to participate in RGGI are straightforward. New participating states would need to adopt a regulatory program and conduct business that is consistent with the RGGI model rule and related administrative processes.

Separately, the RGGI states are seeking stakeholder input on the minimum compatibility requirements under which the RGGI states could opt to trade allowances with states that choose not to become participants in the RGGI program. To that end, the RGGI states are interested in hearing stakeholders' feedback regarding:

1. Should the RGGI states consider allowing trading with states that do not become participants in the RGGI program?
2. The RGGI states still anticipate complying with the Clean Power Plan (CPP) using a mass-based emissions standards approach. When considering whether to trade with non-RGGI states, what program design features and other conditions, at a minimum, should be aligned with RGGI program elements in order for RGGI states to be able to trade with those other states?
 - You may wish to comment on topics such as the fungibility of allowances; treatment of newly constructed emission sources; overall stringency; allowance tracking systems; market monitoring and reporting; distribution of allowances; auctioning; use of proceeds from sale of allowances; administrative costs; additional linkages with other states or regions; and implications for RGGI states' use of emissions standard approach for CPP implementation.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:

Comments are requested by **5:00 PM ET on Monday, May 9, 2016**. Comments should be submitted by email to info@rggi.org. Submitted written comments will be posted at <http://www.rggi.org/design/2016-program-review>.