



GLVCC E&E Subcommittee Recommended Position on use of RGGI Funding

All funding generated as a result of a legislatively prescribed RGGI program should be placed in a special fund. This special fund should be used to advance all available market-driven technologies and solutions to address climate change. We recognize multiple technologies and solutions will be required.

The funds should be used exclusively to advance Pennsylvania enterprises and consumers in developing and implementing clean energy, expanding energy efficiency and conservation, addressing climate change, supporting mitigation strategies to reduce the impacts borne by communities and workers who are adversely affected by RGGI, and reducing customer bill impacts where appropriate (e.g. low/medium-income customers and small businesses).

- RGGI funding should be utilized in a consistent, equitable and cost-effective manner for projects and programs that target four key objectives: 1) achieving the greatest direct reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, 2) expanding energy efficiency, 3) advancing alternative energy technologies across all sectors including the power, building, industrial and transportation sectors and 4) supporting Pennsylvania communities most affected by RGGI.
- It is important that RGGI funding be available for clean energy projects, which will help reduce the costs of these technologies, enabling their expansion and providing more Pennsylvania residents and businesses with access to them.
- Energy efficiency and conservation measures are also important, providing an opportunity for residents and businesses to reduce the amount of energy used and as a result, reduce their electric bills. Advancing energy efficiency will also reduce the need for new generation sources, supporting the reduction in energy costs for all consumers.
- Workforce redevelopment initiatives are particularly important to ensure employment for workers or communities which may see a reduction in jobs in the evolving marketplace within the State when RGGI is enacted.